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Croat militia turn prisoners of war into human bombs

Anthony Loyd describes how men of the Coldstream Guards had to recover the remains of three Muslims, blown up on a Bosnian battlefield by mines strapped to their bodies

ONE OF the three men cried "Don't shoot, don't shoot; we are *Muslim soldiers*" as he stumbled unnaturally up the slope in no man's land towards the Bosnian army trenches above Novi Travnik in central Bosnia.

The cause of his hunched gait and the terror in his voice soon became apparent to the troops ahead of him. Anti-tank mines had been strapped to his chest and back. Rope bound his hands to his sides, and wire ran from his torso back towards the Croat militia positions from which he had appeared. It unravelled slowly as he advanced. His two companions had been identically rigged, converted into walking bombs.

Panic seized the trench defenders. An officer ordered his men to open fire; they refused. "It was *terrible*," said one of them, Safet Duvnjak, 30. "There was such a short time to make the decision. The officer ran back to the command bunker and asked what to do. Before we could decide, there were three huge explosions."

Mevludin Muslimovic, Nedad Mujak, and Enes Hajric had been captured by the Croat militia during an assault two days before. They ended their lives in starlit spangled eruptions 30 yards from the Muslim lines, showering them with shrapnel and gore. A further depth of depravity and horror had been reached in Bosnia's war.

That night a group of soldiers scrambled over the lip of their ridgeline trenches and crawled forward through the knee-high foliage to try to recover what was left of their comrades. Exposed on the forward slope separating their positions from their opponents', they managed only to recover a pair of legs before they were fired upon and forced to withdraw.

It was a month before the United Nations could organise a six-hour ceasefire to collect the remains of the other two. By then the Muslims refused to leave their trenches, doubting the Croats' integrity. It was left to three British soldiers to perform the grisly task. Captain Robert Yorke, of the Coldstream Guards, found two sets of shattered remain, and the twin-flex wire used to detonate them. "It couldn't have been caused by anything other than what is reported by the Bosnian army," he said. "This is a war crime."

Every faction in central Bosnia has consistently fought with complete disregard for any humanitarian code. Just as the Croats killed the Muslim villagers in Stupni Do a month ago, so the Muslims slaughtered Croats in Uzdol two months earlier. Such massacres are frequent, and seldom exposed to the eyes of the press or UN. Snipers shoot women, children and the aged with as little compunction as they do enemy soldiers, while prisoners of war are often killed as a matter of routine, or forced to dig trenches in areas exposed to lethal small-arms and sniper fire.

But the use of prisoners of war in this way signifies a further limit to the cold-bloodedness and cynical methods that walk the Balkan battlefields. The Croat militia admitted responsibility with an unnerving facility. In a dingy grey apartment building, Ilija Marin, 33, deputy commander of the Stjepan Tomasevic Brigade, the militia unit defending Novi Travnik, said the act was perpetrated by an individual soldier, and added a bizarre defence.

"Yes, it happened. One of my men did it. He didn't do it to kill them, only to force them to collect his dead brother who lay between the lines," he said. "Then he saw Muslim soldiers moving in their positions, and he blew the men up. We tried to stop him, but he was *ready even to shoot at us.*"

He sighed heavily, aware perhaps of how unconvincing his story sounded. "There are lots of similar incidents; it's not just Croats killing Muslims," he said. "But the world hasn't paid any attention, and we are not prepared to give up our soldier to the international community for trial."

He paused again. "It's a dirty war. Insanity becomes normality here."

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Rate cut fails to dispel Budget fears

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT, AND NICHOLAS WOOD

KENNETH Clarke yesterday delivered the interest rate cut that had always been expected as a sweetener to deficit-cutting measures in the Budget next week. But what should have been good news was greeted with widespread *nervousness and disappointment.*

The half-point cut takes the base rate to 5.5 per cent, the lowest for 16 years. But industry and financial markets were concerned by the announcement that it took "full account" of the Budget, apparently precluding another cut next Tuesday. Business leaders were hoping for a full one-point reduction to soften the blow of what most fear will be an unplatable mix of tax increases and spending cuts on top of the higher taxes already in the pipeline for next April.

The decision to cut rates at all appeared to confirm that the Budget will contain measures which, without more substantial interest rate reductions, could jeopardise what is still a fragile and slow recovery characterised by very low confidence.

Some Conservatives argued, however, that if he had painful measures in store, the Chancellor would have held back the rate cut. David Willetts, parliamentary aide to Sir Norman Fowler, took heart from the announcement, saying: "Mr Clarke seems to have greater confidence in getting the deficit down. There is no reason to think that this should be a forerunner of an unpleasant Budget."

Most Tories believed that the cut was a precursor to a tough tax-raising Budget, though, and one senior MP said: "There was no need for this now. It makes you wonder what Mr Clarke has planned for next week."

The Chancellor said that he had decided, in consultation with the governor of the Bank of England, that the cut was consistent with the government's inflation target. Officials also cited improved medium-term prospects for inflation and substantial interest rate cuts in continental Europe.

The move met with a mixed reaction from the big mortgage lenders. Only the Nationwide and the NatWest bank immediately announced a cut in their rates — from 7.99 to 7.74 per cent — while most of the others said they would hold fire until after the Budget.

The financial markets were initially boosted strongly by the news, but then both government bond prices and shares dropped back. On the stock market, the FTSE 100 gave up a gain of nearly 20 points to close 1.3 lower at 3,069.3.

While business leaders generally welcomed the cut, most felt it was not enough. Howard Davies of the CBI, who has been leading the call for cheaper borrowing, said: "This is a welcome move which is fully justified by the recent good news on inflation" But some CBI members were less enthusiastic.

The Building Employers' Confederation said: "Every little helps, but frankly we are looking for further cuts." Peter Morgan of the Institute of Directors said: "This reduction should certainly not be used as an excuse or a trade-off for further tax increases, which would be very bad news." And Richard Brown of the British Chambers of Commerce said: "With inflation running at 1.4 per cent and fiscal tightening inevitable, a bolder move is necessary to maintain consumer demand and avoid strangling the fragile recovery."

John Monks, the TUC general secretary, also called for a bigger cut, saying: "This timid move will do nothing to restore business confidence", and Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said: "My fear is that this may be nothing more than a sweetener for the bitter pill which follows in the Budget. I fear that the Conservatives will break yet more election promises by raising taxes on millions of ordinary people yet again."

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, said that the reduction, though minor, was good news for industry and would hopefully be passed on quickly to home owners, but he said: "It has the added disadvantage that it will reduce further the incomes of pensioners just above the income support level who are most vulnerable to the government's plans for VAT on fuel."

The timing of the cut was decided for the first time by the Bank governor, Eddie George. He and Mr Clarke agreed on the size of the cut a few days ago, but the timing was left to Mr George on the understanding that it would come within days rather than weeks.

John Major and Mr Clarke decided to introduce the system to try to deflect accusation that political considerations usually determine the timing of rate cuts. Downing Street and Treasury officials played down the significance of the concession, however. They denied that it was the first move towards an independent central bank and said the bank's discretion covered only a matter of days and covered the technical and maket management aspects of any changes. The Chancellor would still decide whether and by how much to adjust rates.

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Graham Taylor showing the strain at an England press conference

Molyneaux urges Major to call off Dublin initiative

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major's Northern Ireland peace initiative suffered a body blow last night when the Ulster Unionists virtually urged him to call off his attempts to secure an agreement with Dublin.

The prime minister was warned of "simmering fears" of betrayal over the peace moves. He was told to build on the cross-community hunger for peace in the North and to work towards a strengthening of local democracy.

James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist party leader, declared in the Commons that the British government was being required to do a deal not with Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, but with Gerry Adams. "No amount of diplomatic verbiage can conceal the uncomfortable fact that Dublin is merely the conduit," he told MPs.

His intervention was a serious setback for Mr Major because his strategy for achieving peace in Northern Ireland is as much based on his talks with Dublin as it is on reconciling the conflicting views in the North.

Mr Molyneaux accepted that Dublin would not be able to deliver the unionist demand that Ireland should give up its territorial claim on the North. He also suggested that the price being demanded by the IRA in exchange for a halt to its murderous activities — a united Ireland — was too great.

He gave a warning of an impending crisis in Ulster unless action was taken to calm the simmering fears of betrayal that the Hume-Adams peace plan had aroused and said that "something must be done to reduce the fever".

Instead Mr Molyneaux, whose support is vital to Mr Major's high-risk efforts, urged him to concentrate his efforts on reaching a settlement between the four main political parties in Northern Ireland. "It is those endeavours, supported as they are by the prime minister, which will succeed where high drama will fail as high drama always fails."

Ministers had been anticipating a cautionary speech

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England boss Taylor makes his grand exit

GRAHAM Taylor, once portrayed in a newspaper as a turnip head, yesterday accepted the blame for England's failure to qualify for the 1994 football World Cup Finals in America by resigning as team manager (John Goodbody writes).

With Sir Bert Millichip, the Football Association chairman, accepting that a "revolution" was needed to restore England's stature barely three years after they reached the 1990 World Cup semi-finals, Taylor said his resignation was "the appropriate course of action". With Taylor's assistant, Lawrie McMenemy, also resigning, a temporary manager will be appointed for the friendly games against Denmark on March 9 and Germany on April 20. A permanent appointment will be made later.

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Best equals worst work of art

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

RACHEL Whiteread last night pulled off a unique art double: she won not only the Tate Gallery's Turner Prize for the best exhibition of contemporary art, but also a spoof rival award for the worst body of work produced last year.

Whiteread, whose latest work, *House*, involved casting a terrace house in concrete, emerged £60,000 richer from the dual awards: £20,000 from the Tate ceremony, and double that from the K Foundation, closely related to the pop group KLF and set up to present a playful foil to the art world's most sought-after prize. Whiteread, who was born in London in 1963 and is a former Slade School of Art student, made clear that she will accept the £40,000 from the K Foundation.

Her work consists of large casts from everyday objects such as sinks, baths, beds and matresses. For *Ghost* she took casts of the four walls of a deserted room, and turned it inside out. *House*, at the junction of two roads in London's E3 district, has attracted a steady stream of visitors since it was unveiled. Despite pleas for a stay of execution, it will be demolished at the end of the month.

The Turner jury, chaired by Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, commended her work for "its combination of austere monumentality and immediacy of reference to the everyday world", "haunting quality" and "poetic strangeness".

The K Foundation made its presence felt by buying up the commercial break within Channel 4's live coverage of the ceremony, and using the time to announce its own winner.

The official prize was as provocative as ever, with the "Is it art?" school of criticism enjoying a vintage year. Attention has focussed on Whiteread's work and that of Vong Phaophonit, a Laos-born installation artist whose entry comprised a seven-ton pile of rice over neon tubes.

MoT men 'victims of mistaken identity'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE man who shot dead two Department of Transport inspectors probably mistook them for someone else, it emerged last night.

With more than 100 police officers involved in the murder enquiry, a £25,000 reward was offered yesterday to find the killer of Alan Singleton, 56, of Skelmersdale, Lancashire, and Simon Bruno, 28, of Salford, Greater Manchester. They were shot at point-blank range at a garage in Stockport, Greater Manchester.

Police said they had ruled out the possibility that the two men were working undercover on an MoT fraud investigation but have still to establish a motive for the murders. One theory is that the shotgun murders on Monday were a case of mistaken identity, and police have not discounted the possibility that the gunman was a hired killer.

Derek Lindop, president of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, who offered the reward, said: "We will assist the police in whatever capacity we can . . . to make certain the perpetrators are brought to justice."

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Piece of nonsense which passes all understanding

It is as if the long recess, the Queen's Speech and the opening of a new session of Parliament had never happened. In walked the PM on Tuesday afternoon, at usual. At 2.12, as usual. He was wearing his grey suit and sombre tie, as usual. Opposite him sat John Smith, as usual, in his usual dark suit, white shirt and joke specs.

As usual, the Labour leader rose for the second bite at the first cherry. It was a question from a backbencher, John Ward (C, Poole), about the economic news. Mr Ward thought the economic news was marvellous. It occurred to us that the simple insertion of the letter d into Mr Ward's ascription would render him "John Ward (C, Poodle)" and that on yesterday's performance this would add something to our assessment.

Then came John Smith (Lab, Monklands East). It strikes us that without adding any letters to Mr Smith's ascription, but simply by rearranging the existing ones, we arrive at "John Smith (bland man stales, OK)" — or, indeed, "John Smith (lost balde man sank)".

The twice-weekly spat between Smith and Major commenced, as usual. These days it follows an almost unvarying routine.

Mr Smith gets up, puts a question to Mr Major, and demands an answer, "yes or no". Mr Major gets up, ignores the question, and puts a different question to Mr Smith: will he answer *that*, yes or no?

Then Smith gets up. The whole House, he says, will have noticed that the prime minister has failed to reply to his question. "Why on airth can he not give a straight answer?"

Major rises. The entire nation, he barks, will have observed the Labour leader avoiding *his* question. *What, please, is the answer?*

Smith gets up for the last time. Doesn't this just prove, he declares, that the government are a rotten lot and ought to resign?

Major replies. Have we not just witnessed, he asks, a complete shower of an Opposition, unfit to oppose, let alone govern?

And the House moves on. Each leader has been roundly cheered by his own side after each of his interventions. Each has drawn hollow laughs at each stage from the MPs opposite.

For the record, yesterday's spat featured Smith asking whether proposed increases in national insurance would cost the average family £3-4 a week. Major asked how would Smith himself would raise revenue? Smith retorted that Major had not answered his question. Had he not denied he would increase this tax?

Major replied by asking whether Smith had not, himself, planned to increase it? Smith repeated his question, and asked why "on airth" anyone should believe Tory promises? Major asked how Smith could have the cheek to complain at tax increases when his own European commitments implied increases of his own . . .?

And they both sat down, huffing and puffing. At the far end of the Chamber, up in the Strangers' gallery, a hundred and fifty bemused tourists stared uncomprehending at the weird scene — wondering whether the exchange was perhaps some kind of parliamentary rite, its meaning lost in the mists of tradition. At the other end of the Chamber, journalists in the Press gallery dropped their pencils. These days we hardly bother to record the exchange.

Margaret Thatcher and Neil Kinnock gave us a pantomime without meaning. Major and Smith, equally meaningless, do not even provide the pantomime.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Caterers Anne Lennie, left, and Christine Burns mark Scottish School Meals Week by serving lunch to MPs outside the Houses of Parliament yesterday. The MPs — from left Alex Salmond (SNP), George Robertson (Labour) and Phil Gallie (Conservative) — are all supporting a local authority campaign to maintain the provision of school meals in Scotland and to highlight their nutritional content

Major to increase cold weather aid

BY JILL SHERMAN AND IAN MURRAY

■ Cold weather payments to vulnerable groups are expected to rise from £6 to £7 a week to help compensate for VAT on fuel

THE prime minister announced yesterday that cold weather payments would be increased as part of the compensation package for VAT on fuel that is to be unveiled in the Budget next week.

The payments to vulnerable groups, which are automatically triggered by freezing weather, are expected to go up from £6 to £7 a week. The announcement came as temperatures dropped to record lows in many parts.

The present cold snap has already triggered the first emergency payments in Eskdalemuir, Scotland.

Under the system, payments are paid only to three groups on income support: families with children under five, the disabled and pensioners. Last winter £15 million was paid out to a potential 2.8 million recipients.

The payments are given when temperatures fall or are predicted to fall to freezing or below for a seven-day period in a specific geographical area.

Speaking in the Commons, John Major promised quick and efficient assistance to help people with heating bills. "We will of course enhance the present cold weather payments scheme and the House will hear the details next week."

Yesterday the freezing fog and ice temporarily shut airports in the North and South West and closed some schools when heating systems failed. Conditions were worst in the South and West. The M4 between London and Bristol was twice closed to traffic, causing jams over 40 miles long.

Two police cars were involved in an accident near Chippenham, Wiltshire, where a crashed tanker spilt petrol over the road. Would-be rescuers had to leap out of the way of vehicles ignoring flashing beacons and road cones. Peter Sandall, of the Wiltshire police, said: "Good luck rather than good driving meant there were no fatalities."

On the Isle of Wight, a 17-year-old girl was killed when she was catapulted out of the back of a car that skidded on ice on a hill near Brading.

Several cars in the RAC Rally came to grief in the snow round the Kielder Reservoir in Northumberland. Conditions were so bad that the ambulance service sent in four-wheel drive vehicles to rescue competitors and marshals.

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Thatcher 'misled House' over Iraq

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher misled Parliament over sales of British defence equipment to Iraq, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Her reply to a written parliamentary question from the Labour MP Harry Cohen in April 1989 was one of a series of untruthful reponses given to Parliament by ministers, Eric Beston, the trade and industry department's former head of export controls, told the enquiry.

The former prime minister said in a written reply that there had been no changes to the government's self-imposed guidelines restricting arms exports to Iraq. The answer was one of number which contained "misinterpretations, inaccuracies, misleading statements and things which could have been done differently", Mr Beston said.

The guidelines were secretly rewritten by Foreign Office, trade and industry and defence ministers in December 1988, after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, in an attempt to allow more exports. The enquiry has not yet established whether Lady Thatcher was informed of the decision. She is expected to give evidence next month.

Mr Beston said that the ministers' decision not to announce the changes had caused great difficulty for the civil servants who had to draft ministerial replies. "We got into a mess," he said. Written answers were seen by a succession of ministers and civil servants as "something of an art-form rather than a means of communication".

He contradicted earlier evidence by William Waldegrave, a Foreign Office minister at the time the guidelines were changed. Mr Beston said that parliamentary answers were drafted to give the impression that Britain had not relaxed the arms export guidelines, when the opposite was the case.

The hearing continues.

Retreat sounds for mum's army

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Patten yesterday dropped his controversial plans for a "mum's army" of non-graduates to teach five to seven-year-olds after only one year's training.

In the latest in a series of embarrassing policy reverses, the education secretary was forced to bow to almost unanimous opposition from teaching unions demanding that the principle of an all-graduate profession be safeguarded. The scheme aimed to harness fresh talent, particularly that of mothers and nursery nurses.

Mr Patten announced instead new training for teaching assistants. The courses will concentrate on enhancing skills in reading, writing and arithmetic to allow assistants — at present, mostly part-time volunteers — to play a greater classroom role supporting qualified teachers.

Yesterday's rethink was part of a "back to basics" package of primary teacher training reforms. Mr Patten said it would ensure trainee teachers spent more time learning to teach English, mathematics and science. A switch to more school-based training reflects ministerial dissatisfaction with some university teacher-training departments.

The "mum's army" retreat was welcomed by teachers' leaders. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "The introduction of properly trained classroom assistants will help free teachers from many routine activities and allow them to concentrate on the real task of teaching."

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, the main moderate union, said the idea of training the educational equivalent of paramedics was sensible.

Mr Patten's rethink appeared to have been hastily prepared. It has not been decided how long the courses for "specialist teacher assistants" will last, how places should be made available or whether students would receive grants for attendance. Pilot courses start in September.

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Interest rate cut

Lenders hold fire until the Budget

BY OUR PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY one million existing borrowers with Nationwide, the second largest building society, will see their mortgage payments fall in the new year following yesterday's half-point cut in base rates to 5.5 per cent.

But most other lenders are waiting to see if there is a further base rate cut in the Budget or soon after. The Halifax, the largest lender, signalled its intention to cut rates after the Budget, whatever the Chancellor announces.

The Nationwide cut its rates by a quarter of a percentage point, bringing the cost of loans up to £60,000 down to 7.74 per cent (an APR of 8.1 per cent). The rate for loans between £60,000 and £120,000 is now 7.6 per cent (APR 8.1 per cent) and 7.45 per cent (APR 7.9 per cent) for loans between £120,000 to £300,000. Repayments on a £60,000 loan will be £407 instead of £415.

The new rates will apply immediately for new borrowers and from January 1 for existing borrowers. The 400,000 borrowers whose payments are reviewed annually will get the benefit of the lower rate because their payments are not set until February.

Brian Davis, Nationwide operations director, said it may cut rates further "if the market changes as a result of the Budget or otherwise". But he added: "We would be very surprised if rates moved again in the Budget."

The only other lender to change its rates was Newcastle building society, which announced a cut of 0.24 of a percentage point for new borrowers.

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Halifax, said: "This rate reduction will lead to a lower Halifax mortgage rate. But we are now so close to the Budget that it makes sense to wait and see the totality of the Chancellor's package on November 30."

Abbey National said: "Given the low levels of interest rates, we will have to consider our response to this base rate cut very carefully, taking into account the interests of our savers as well as our borrowers."

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Unionist warning

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from Mr Molyneaux because of the growing fears among his unionist supporters of a sell-out.

Mr Major is to have a second meeting today with the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, who has vetoed talks with Sinn Fein, but Mr Major's initiative will go ahead with the Dublin summit next month.

Mr Molyneaux said: "There are many who would prefer to use their energies and talents in drawing together the various strands of what, in the aftermath of recent atrocities, has proved to be one community not two. That is the real message of the thousands who marched for peace over recent weeks."

Mr Paisley said last night that James Molyneaux's speech represented a complete U-turn.

"He has heard the signs of the times and has got the message from the people of Ulster," he said. "It was a very strong speech."

Dublin was taken aback last night by Mr Molyneaux's harsh tone. One government source said it would not react to the rhetoric of a backwoodsman.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man charged with couple's murder

A 37-year-old man was charged last night with murdering Derek Severs, 68, a retired ICI executive, and his wife Eileen, 69, who disappeared from their home ten days ago. He will appear in court at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, today.

Despite an intensive search over the past three days around the village of Hambleton, Leicestershire, their bodies have not been found. The alarm was raised by worried neighbours and the couple's two cars were found on their bungalow drive. Mrs Severs was made an MBE for her voluntary work in the community.

Police to test flick baton

Police are to test a side-handled baton in 13 areas from the start of next year. The 13½in baton, which extends to 24in at the flick of the wrist, will be tested in London, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Devon and Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Lincolnshire, Merseyside, Nottinghamshire, South Wales, Strathclyde, Sussex, Thames Valley and West Mercia.

Tax details privatised

Computer processing of millions of confidential tax details is to be sold off to EDS-Scicon. Annual notification of individual and corporate tax assessments, tax codings and reimbursement of excess tax will be progressively transferred to the company from April. Inland Revenue officials will continue to handle individual and company tax returns.

Christmas reinstated

The Pre-School Playgroups Association has blamed cancellation by a playgroup in Lewisham, southeast London, of its Christmas celebrations on overzealous interpretation of its guidelines. Regional officials thought they meant festivals for every race and creed or none at all. The Lewisham group, meanwhile, will celebrate Christmas. Letters, page 19

Top secretary chosen



The winner of the United Kingdom's Top Secretary award is Jennifer Pothecary, left, who lists the job's chief requirements as "initiative, common sense and the ability to forward-plan; a flexible, enthusiastic approach and a good sense of humour are equally important". Ms Pothecary, 23, of Lytham St Anne's, beat 500 entrants to win the title sponsored by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Arts cuts opposed

Eminent figures from many art forms spoke out yesterday against proposed arts spending cuts. The rally at the Victoria Palace Theatre, London, included painters, actors, conductors, film-makers, three arts administrators, and Anthony Everitt, secretary-general of the Arts Council. Protesters afterwards lobbied MPs. Photograph, page 22

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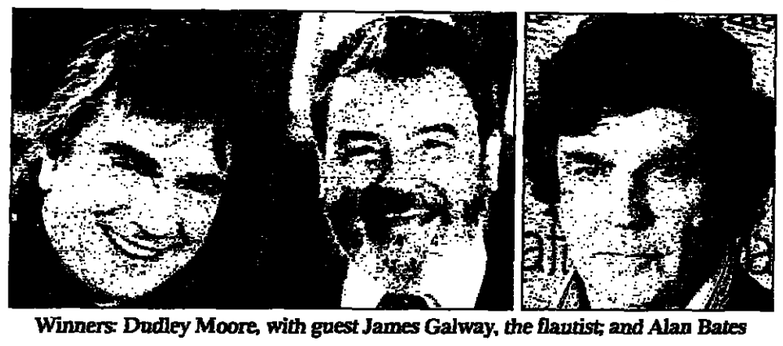
International triumph coincides with launch of campaign to repel tabloid television



The Emmy in the popular arts category was shared by Channel 4's television newsroom satire, *Drop the Dead Donkey*, left, and the BBC's *Absolutely Fabulous*, starring Jennifer Saunders, left, and Joanna Lumley, right

Absolutely fabulous! Home-grown entertainers grab Emmy awards

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent



Winners: Dudley Moore, with guest James Galway, the flautist; and Alan Bates

BRITISH television reasserted its reputation as among the best in the world on Monday night by winning six International Emmy awards in New York. Five were for programmes, while a special Emmy was awarded to Richard Dunn, chief executive of Thames Television.

Unnatural Pursuits, a BBC production starring Alan Bates as a drunken playwright, won the Emmy for drama. The BBC's *Absolutely Fabulous*, starring Joanna Lumley and Jennifer Saunders, tied with Channel 4's television newsroom satire *Drop the Dead Donkey* for the award in the popular arts category.

The success coincided with the launch in London last night of a campaign to boost quality television in the face of mass-produced British programmes, cheap imported shows and endless repeats, collectively known as "tabloid television".

British programmes beat off competition from an unprecedented 269 entries from 35 countries at the International Emmy ceremony, judged by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC network television, said: "This is important international recognition for the quality and appeal of BBC drama and comedy." John Willis, Channel 4 director of programmes, said: "It is always gratifying to receive international recognition at the highest level for our programming."

Channel 4 took the performing arts Emmy for its series *Concerto!*, a classical music series presented by Dudley Moore. Granada television's *Disappearing World: We Are All Neighbours*, about a village in Bosnia, shared the documentary prize with a Japanese production. Channel 4 was also part of an international co-production team which won the arts documentary Emmy for *The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl*, broadcast on German and Belgian television. Richard Dunn of Thames was presented with the International Emmy Founders' Award for "the sum total of work recognised throughout the world".

However, Derek Lister, of the Directors Guild of Great Britain, warned last night that urgent action was needed to combat declining standards in British television if the industry was to retain its worldwide reputation. The guild, which represents some 1,000 professionals, met in London last night to formulate a plan of action to halt what it sees as the downhill trend.

He said: "British viewers are not getting the best programmes because there is a prevailing ethos at the BBC and ITV of efficiency and accountancy-led decision making, which is stifling creativity. The creative role of the director is being reduced to that of a mere technician."

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Love of the Brits fails to win US viewers

From Ben Macintyre in New York

BRITAIN'S domination of the Emmy awards rightly rewards the high standards of British television and filmmaking, but also illustrates the growing gap between what the critics applaud and what the American public watches.

British films attract a level of critical acclaim here that is the envy of US-based film companies, yet in terms of mass culture, British productions seem to have little impact.

The vast television networks show virtually no British series, while the few productions that do make it are shown almost exclusively on public broadcasting networks, with only a tiny share of the viewing market.

A few British productions have attained a special place in American hearts, most notably those of the late Benny Hill. One of the more depressing aspects of living in the US is the number of Americans who regard Benny Hill as the pinnacle of British comic achievement.

A hard core of American Monty Python addicts has built up over the years, and *Fawlty Towers* is attracting a growing, if often somewhat baffled audience. But British productions usually need an American face to sell here.

British films have become hot properties in the wake of such successes as *The Crying Game*, *Orlando* and *Much Ado About Nothing*, and last week *Variety* magazine reported that US distributors are "dangling the kind of long-term development and housekeeping deals that the cash-starved Brits would have killed for a couple of years ago".

Britain plainly dominates the high-brow end of the market, but British films (still less, television shows) have some way to go before earning the profits available to the home-grown product.

BBC to put its drama skills on sale

By Our Media Correspondent

THE BBC's drama department will start selling its services to the private sector next April to make extra money for the corporation.

The new policy for the world's biggest television drama unit, announced yesterday, will be the first time that a BBC programme department has marketed its production services. It is part of the corporation's long-term plan to increase competitiveness with the commercial sector.

The drama department's three units — series, serials and films — will be merged into a single operation. Production resources, including camera and sound crews, will be pooled and marketed to outside producers making programmes for the BBC.

Charles Denton, head of drama, said that if the BBC did not take this step, it would risk losing further skilled production workers to the independent sector. He agreed there would be redundancies.

Wife died 24 hours after row

A POLICE sergeant discussed divorce with his 17-year-old mistress less than 24 hours before the death of his wife, a court was told yesterday.

Stephen Jones, 34, denies murdering his wife in January. He told Caernarvon Crown Court that she died when she accidentally fell on to the patio at their home in Ewloe, Clwyd, and that afterwards he had faked a road accident.

Mr Jones said he had discussed the possibility of divorce with Julie Rutherford, a barmaid, less than 24 hours before the death of his wife Madallin, 37.

He said that he and his wife married in 1980. The marriage had been happy until 1990. When things cooled, he met Miss Rutherford in June 1991 and within a month a sexual relationship began. He told the court that Miss Rutherford had not pressurised him to sever any links with his wife.

He said his wife died after they had quarrelled about his affair. He decided to fake the road accident so he placed her in the front seat of her car and crashed it.

He had told his wife a month before about his affair. "She said she knew. She said she didn't care," he said.

The trial continues.

Intent needed for Bulger convictions

By Ronald Faux

THE two boys accused of killing James Bulger could be convicted of murder only if the jurors were sure each boy knew what he was doing was seriously wrong, the judge said yesterday.

It would not matter who inflicted the fatal injury if they were sure both child A and child B had decided to kill or do really serious injury to the infant, Mr Justice Morland told Preston Crown Court.

"The crucial question is not what was their intention when James Bulger was taken from the Strand, or during the long walk of over two miles to the railway line, but what was the intention of each defendant on the railway line when the fatal injuries were inflicted?"

The judge told the jury of nine men and three women they must not allow their emotions to warp their judgment when reaching verdicts on the two 11-year-old boys, who deny abducting and murdering James and attempting to abduct another child.

Witnesses had been subjected to exceptional strain because of the publicity surrounding the case. "All of those involved in this case will have been emotionally affected by the circumstances of James Bulger's death, but I am sure each of you will assess the evidence and reach your conclusions dispassionately and objectively."

The prosecution alleged that James was abducted from a shopping precinct in Bootle, Merseyside, on February 21, and was led by the boys for two and half miles across Liverpool to a railway track at Walton, where he was stoned and battered to death.

The judge told the jury the boys had no abnormality of mind and were of average intelligence. They attended a Church of England primary school and were taught the difference between right and wrong. He said James's death was caused not by a single stone, but involved a number of blows to the skull.

"You will consider why James Bulger was stripped of his shoes, socks, trousers, and underpants when he was attacked, why the body was moved from one part of the track to the other line. Was that to suggest that the child had been subjected to some form of assault, possibly by an adult, and then run over by a train? Was that to conceal or attempt to conceal the true cause of death?"

The judge is expected to finish his summing-up today.

Killing and rape may be linked

By A Staff Reporter

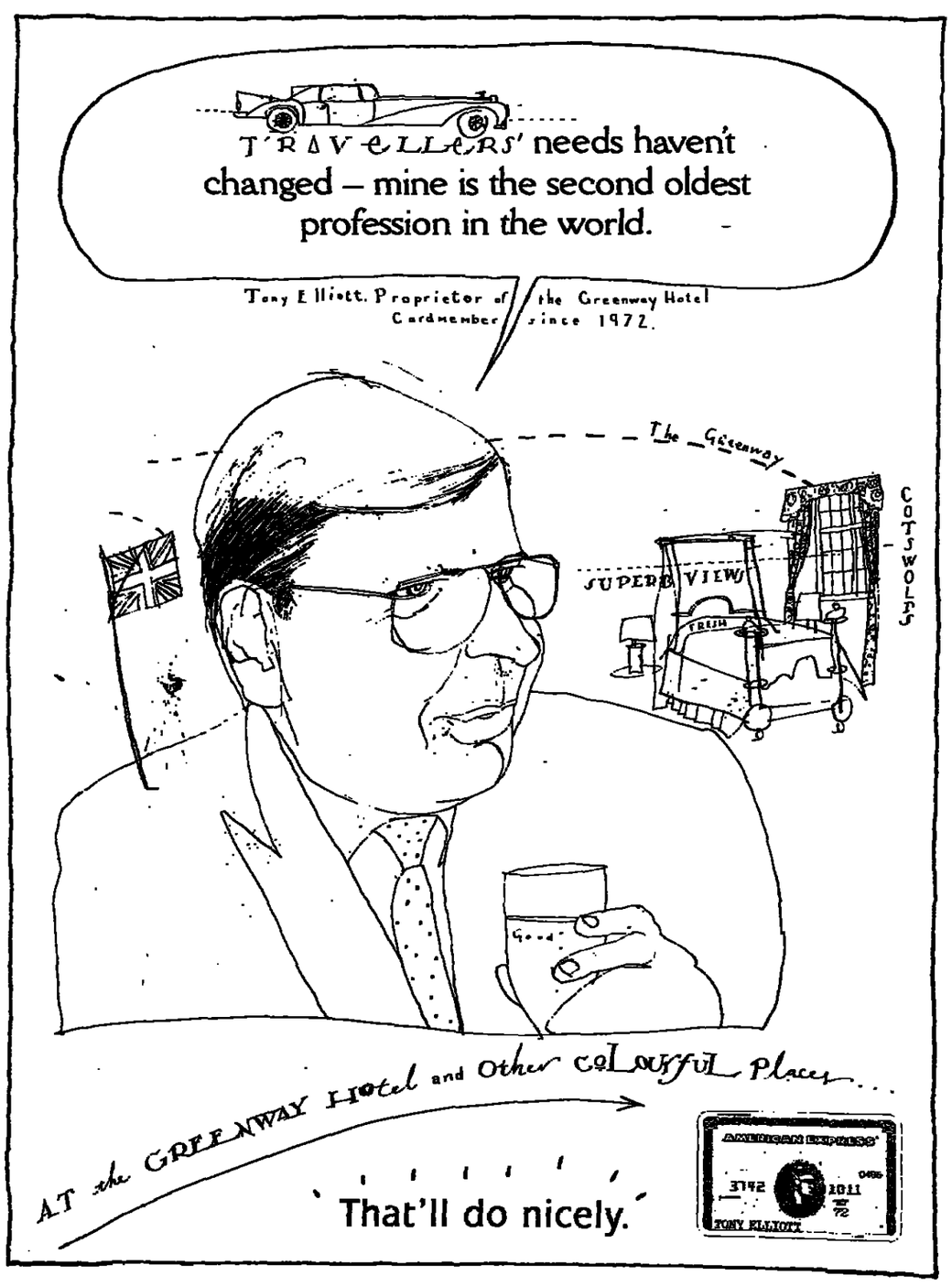
A MAN who stabbed a young mother to death in front of her 18-month-old daughter may have raped another young woman less than half a mile away 48 hours earlier, police believe.

Detectives investigating the two crimes at Ipswich at the weekend are working closely and said the man could strike again. Although they have not yet established any firm link between the attacks, detectives think it unlikely that two brutal criminals have been attacking women in the same small area in so short a time.

In the first attack on Friday evening a hooded man attacked a 23-year-old office cleaner as she was working. He blindfolded, gagged and tied her, then raped her.

In the other attack, on Sunday afternoon, Karen Hales, 21, was repeatedly stabbed by an intruder who set fire to her body to try to disguise the crime. Police believe he watched her boyfriend leave the house for work before entering the house and trying to rape her.

Police are taking expert advice on how to coax information from the murdered woman's daughter who witnessed the attack.



Casting ash on football's field of dreams

By Alan Hamilton

THESE are suicidal times for the English football supporter. But so many fans who die of natural causes wish their ashes scattered on the hallowed turf of their home club that the Football Association has issued guidelines to groundsmen on how best to dispose of the devoted departed without harming the grass.

With almost three quarters of all Britons now choosing cremation, a significant number request that their remains be strewn over some meaningful location, which for the football fan is usually the goalmouth. Ashes being ground bone, however, too many dead fans crowding the penalty area causes bald patches in the turf.

Under the heading "Scattering tips for groundsmen," the current issue of the FA magazine, which is read by players, staff and supporters, says:

☐ "Listen sympathetically to fans who request particular parts of the pitch, such as the centre circle or goalmouth. But it is probably best to scatter outside the field of play, at the side or end of the pitch — perhaps opposite the fan's old seat or favourite spot on the terraces.

☐ "There is no need to sprinkle all the ashes. You can just scatter a sample. A large pile could kill the grass.

☐ "On a windy day, it is best to scatter ashes upwind; brush the ashes about to ensure a light and even spread.

☐ "An alternative to scattering is burial of the ashes or urn."

The FA said yesterday that requests for ash-scattering were in proportion to a club's attendance. Manchester United, with average gates of 40,000, receives 20-25 requests a year, while City, with 22,000 crowds, has a dozen. Bolton Wanderers, with gates of 8,000, has just four.

Liverpool tries not to refuse anyone, but says it is running out of space. Everton allows only special cases. Spurs used to scatter a score of fans every year, but had a bad experience a couple of seasons ago when a scattering of ashes in the goalmouth was followed by a downpour, resulting in a nasty bald patch. Arsenal dislikes ash-scattering, but is willing to consider urn burials on the sidelines.

Stan Gibson, Manchester City groundsman at Maine Road for 33 years, said: "I see nothing wrong with it. It doesn't harm the pitch, doesn't cost anything, and it's great to see the relatives leaving the ground a bit happier than when they came in."

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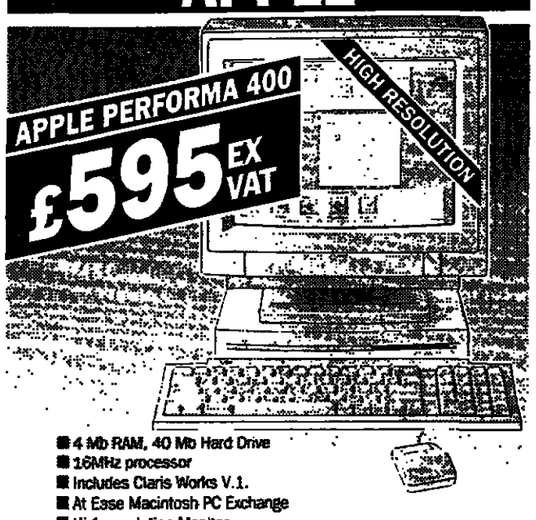
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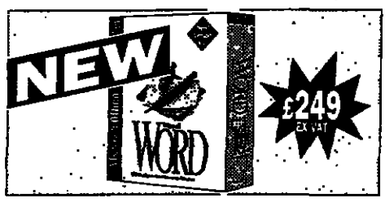
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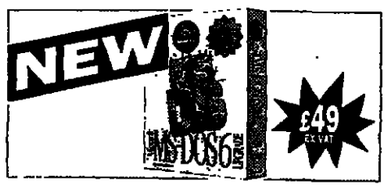
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Judge frees woman who cried rape after sex on Tube

By A Staff Reporter

■ A young clerk was stripped and kept in a police cell for 13 hours after a colleague accused him of a rape he did not commit

A WOMAN who falsely accused a colleague of rape after a night of sexual adventure with a stranger was allowed to walk free from the Old Bailey yesterday. The judge told her that, but for "very moving" medical reports on her condition, he would have jailed her for at least 18 months.

Susan Gooch, 27, was told by Judge Rogers that she would be brought back before the court if she failed to comply with the conditions of a two-year probation order, which includes a year of medical treatment. He told her that she had "displayed an almost animal type of lust" and, when she realised what she had done, she took "the coward's way out".

Gooch, of Pinner, northwest London, admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice. She left court without comment.

The court was told that she had sex with Simon Johnson, 25, a building site manager, then made a false accusation of rape against David Dunn, 23, a fellow clerk at Wagon Finance in Harrow, north London.

Michael Cousens, for the prosecution, said that Gooch met Mr Johnson in September last year at a restaurant in Covent Garden. They kissed passionately and fondled each other. They had sex in a shop doorway and later on a Tube train.

As she left the station, she made hysterical complaints to a cab driver and police that she had been raped by Mr Dunn, who was arrested, stripped and made to provide samples. He spent 13 hours at a police station before his innocence was proved. He was sacked, but later reinstated.

Gooch could not explain why she denounced Mr Dunn, who was described by colleagues as "one of the nicest people you could wish to meet". Mr Dunn had said in an earlier interview outside court: "I was a normal guy until she blew my world apart. I had to tell my friends and family about the accusations it made me feel dirty. When I was telling the police, I felt that they were thinking 'dirty bastard'."

The judge said that he was allowing Gooch to go free after reading "extremely disturbing" medical reports. He did not specify her medical condition but said a doctor felt that it was treatable.

He told her: "Something snapped in your mind which caused you to behave in a way that was totally alien to your education, upbringing and background. It must have been a searing and entirely unpleasant experience for that young man and you were entirely responsible."

He ordered Gooch to pay £1,000 prosecution costs from the £15,000 compensation she is expecting from a car accident which happened several years ago.

John Murphy, a British Transport Police inspector, said outside the court that Mr Dunn was the real victim in the case. He said such false allegations made police involved in similar cases extremely wary of getting things wrong. He added: "Men have got to be protected too from this type of allegation."



Susan Gooch "took the coward's way out" after sex with a stranger, the judge said

Mackay launches broadside at Sunday traders

By Jonathan Prynn and Robin Young

THE Lord Chancellor yesterday set himself at odds with John Major when he declared himself against sweeping reform of Sunday shopping laws and in favour of the traditional religious Sunday.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who used to be a senior elder in the Free Presbytarian Church of Scotland, launched an emotional defence of the sabbath as a day of "rest and worship" in a debate in the Lords on the Queen's Speech.

He described Sundays as "a divine provision for rest and worship well designed to suit the needs of the human spirit as well as the human body".

The sabbath was "a privilege accorded to us by divine commandment not imposed as a burden but intended to operate in a beneficial way so as, for example, to allow the needs of doctors and other care workers to be taken into account". However, he admitted that, ultimately, Sunday observance was a matter of personal responsibility.

Lord Mackay became the first cabinet minister to air his views on Sunday trading since the government published its bill last week. The tone and language of his comments sharply contrasted with the opinions of other senior government ministers who have expressed personal views on the controversial Sunday trading issue. Mr Major, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Howard have all indicated that they back deregulation.

Lord Mackay's views underline the breadth of division, even between cabinet ministers, over the issue of Sunday trading. John Gummer, the environment minister, has also voiced his strong opposition to Sunday shopping on religious grounds.

MPs and ministers are to be allowed a free vote on the government's bill to reform Sunday trading, which offers three options ranging from abolition of all restrictions to a tough regime of regulation allowing supermarkets to open their doors only on the four Sundays immediately before Christmas.

Sainsbury moved quickly yesterday to try to repair damage to the Sunday trading cause after a leaked company memo from the retail sales director suggested that promotion prospects could be blighted if staff refused to work on Sundays.

David Sainsbury, the chairman, ordered a "categorical assurance" that managers' promotion prospects would not be affected if they declined Sunday working.

NHS lists are getting longer, say patients

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

DIFFICULTIES getting hospital appointments and long waiting times are worsening in the NHS despite increased spending and promises in the patient's charter.

A survey comparing patients' attitudes before and after the NHS reforms shows that most feel the health service has not improved and may have worsened.

Twice as many people had difficulty arranging in-patient treatment in 1993 compared with 1989, the year before the NHS reforms, up from 6 to 12 per cent. More than one in ten complained of difficulty getting an outpatient appointment but two thirds of patients are unsure how to complain.

The survey, by the National Consumer Council, found that satisfaction with the NHS was lowest for dentistry. More than a quarter of those who had tried to find an NHS dentist had had difficulty and nearly one in ten had ended up not seeing a dentist at all. Figures obtained in a parliamentary answer by Labour yesterday show that dentists have removed more than half a million people from their lists since July 1992, when the government cut their fees for providing NHS treatment.

A study by the Audit Commission says that many hospitals are increasing patients' distress by failing to tell them all they need to know. Women with breast cancer, who are in a state of shock when first told the news, are in some cases given no other opportunity to talk about their options for treatment.

Allergies vaccine promises rich reward

By Our Health Services Correspondent

FIVE scientists have formed a private company to develop an allergy vaccine that could turn them into millionaires.

Dr Denis Stanworth, who announced the discovery of the vaccine in *The Lancet* three years ago, is to head the company, Peptide Therapeutics, set up to exploit the results of his research. City analysts predict that Peptide could become one of the biggest health care companies in Britain if trials of the vaccine and associated drugs are successful.

Dr Stanworth, who is leaving the department of immunology at Birmingham University after 40 years, said that early results showed the vaccine was effective against all major allergies, including most hay fever, some types of asthma and allergies to house dust and foods. Based on a peptide — a small part of a protein — the vaccine works in a different way from conventional anti-allergy drugs. Trials of the vaccine are expected to begin next year.

The peptide-based drugs block the allergic reaction at an earlier point in the process than conventional drugs by interfering with the production of immunoglobulin molecules. These fix on to cells known as mast cells triggering the release of substances including histamine, which produce the allergic reaction.

Dr Stanworth said: "I have been a poor scientist all my life. Our financial advisers tell us we could make a lot of money but we are taking it with a pinch of salt. We might become rich on paper."

GP's smear testing attacked in report

A DOCTOR'S method of testing women for cervical cancer, described as unusual and probably self-invented, was criticised in a report published yesterday.

The report, prepared after Dr Felix Lustman was asked to stop using the technique last month, also questions the control that family health services authorities (FHSAs) have over GPs.

It recommends that the responsibilities of FHSAs concerning GPs and their ability to challenge clinical practice "should be made explicit".

More than 700 women were invited to have new smear tests after it was discovered that Dr Lustman, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, used his fingers rather than an instrument called a speculum.

The report, by Northern Regional Health Authority, describes this as "unusual . . . probably extremely so" and speculates that he "heard about it by word of mouth or — more probably — invented it himself". Drawbacks included the possibility that test material might be lost.

The report says that although the issue came to the attention of the FHSA in May last year, Dr Lustman carried on using the method for 16 more months. The FHSA decided "not to take matters further" and that it was not necessary to recall patients after advice that there were "insufficient grounds to consider such a step". It was only after a patient complained that the doctor was ordered to stop smear tests last month.

The report says the FHSA acted properly in the first instance, but should have sought confirmation from an expert whom Dr Lustman said supported his technique. Also, it should have sought advice from the national cytology screening programme.

The expert, John Monaghan, director of gynaecological oncology at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead, said Dr Lustman did not "routinely use a speculum as he finds that many of his patients, being lower socio-economic group, object".

Solicitors for Dr Lustman said he was not aware of concern about his method until this September.

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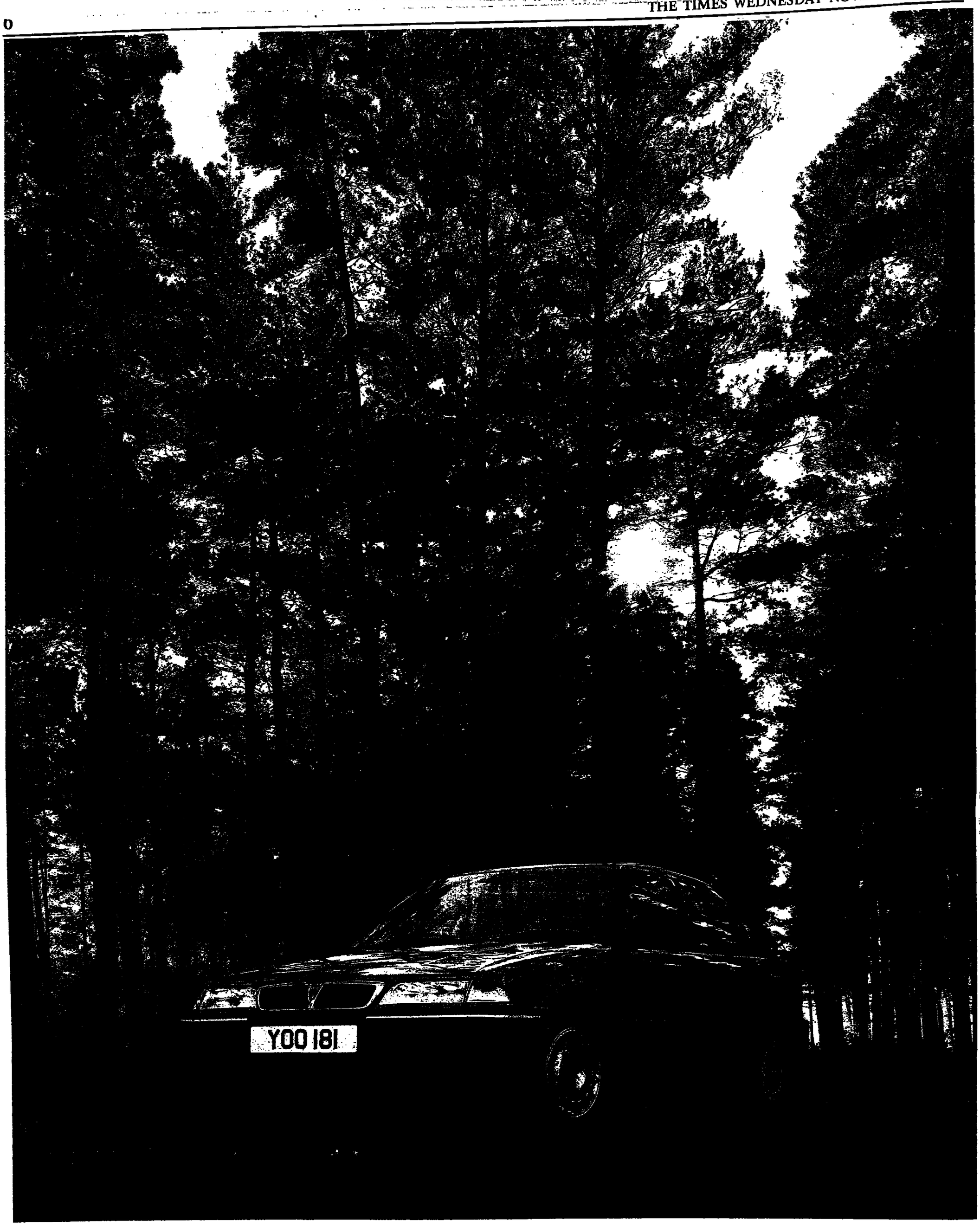
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Mistaken identity blamed for death of MoT inspectors

By Bill Frost and Richard Duce

■ A £25,000 reward has been offered for information that leads to the "brutal and callous" killer of two family men

TWO transport department inspectors shot dead at a garage in Stockport, Greater Manchester, are believed to have been victims of a gangland killing that went wrong.

Police said yesterday that the "cold-blooded and callous" murders of Alan Singleton and Simon Bruno were almost certainly cases of mistaken identity.

The inspectors were involved in a routine MoT test certificate enquiry at Chestergate Autos when they were shot in the head by a lone gunman with a 12-bore shotgun.

Police stressed that Mr Singleton, 56, and Mr Bruno, 28, the father of a 16-month-old girl, were not involved in undercover work. Det Supt Rod Murray, who is in charge of an investigation involving more than a hundred officers, spoke of his horror yesterday at "the cold-blooded, callous shooting of two family men just doing their job. They were upstanding, hard-working members of the community. I cannot stress enough the brutal and callous nature of this offence."

A £25,000 reward was offered yesterday by the Retail Motor Industry Federation for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer. The inspectors had called at the garage at about 3.30pm on Monday to investigate a complaint from a member of the public. "The two men were sitting in the garage office going through some of their own documents. A short time later a man in dark clothing entered the room and shot them dead at close range," Mr Murray said.

The garage is believed to have been taken over by two brothers, Thomas and Walter Bourke, six months ago. They service vehicles and supply exhausts and tyres.

Police said that they were keeping an open mind on the motive for the murders. Mr Murray said he could not rule out the possibility of the murderer being a hired killer or that the dead men were victims of mistaken identity. He said staff at the garage, some of whom saw the murders, had been interviewed but "so far we have not managed to obtain a clear sequence of events".

Detectives want to interview the white male driver of a red Ford Sierra that left the murder scene at speed. They also want to trace the driver of a large orange van which was in the vicinity.

Mr Singleton's son Craig, who is on honeymoon in Gambia, was told of the double murder early yesterday. He was flying back to Britain last night. Mr Bruno's wife Susan, who has a 16-month-old daughter Katy, was in a state of shock.

Mr Singleton, who played with a brass band in his home town of Skelmersdale, was remembered yesterday by fellow musicians as "a kind and gentle man". Alan Turton, a former band member, said: "He was always considerate and went out of his way to help others."

Mr Singleton was operations manager at the transport department's Bredbury office, Stockport, and had worked there for some years. His younger colleague joined the department four years ago.

Fraud that costs the motorist millions

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

A LUCRATIVE fraud in MoT test certificates has led to the theft of more than 171,000 forms this year, the Vehicle Inspectorate said last night.

Motoring organisations demanded a change in the way the MoT test is administered and tighter legislation against fraud that could be costing motorists millions of pounds a year.

Garages are sent certificates in pads of 100. A thief needs only to "pocket" a pad which can then be filled in with the details of cars and owners.

Stolen pads have become common currency in many pubs and clubs, where a blank test form can change hands for £50. That is twice the £24 cost of the test fee but much less than many motorists would need to make their vehicles roadworthy. For the thief, the certificate is the passport to offloading a stolen car.

The AA said: "There is no real check to know whether an MoT certificate is valid. People sell cars with documents which seem authentic but how can the buyer know when there is no central agency to find out?"

One possible safeguard would be to replace paper certificates with "smart cards" electronically stamped with the car's registration and MoT details. The Independent Garage Association says the cards, similar to credit cards, could be in use within two years. Equipment to code the cards would cost garages about £200.

The Vehicle Inspectorate has been in talks with HPI, the vehicle information company, to set up a computerised register of all MoT details, available to police, garages and prospective buyers. Paul Leo, managing director of HPI, which has details of 430,000 stolen cars on its computer, said: "It is something that must be done to help prevent the scale of fraud being suffered in this country."

Farmer cries foul over order of the horse nappy

JULIAN HERBERT



Mike McKenzie, above, has been told to dress his horses in nappies to keep the seafront at Hastings clear of manure. The borough council ordered the clean-up after complaints by café owners (Andrew Pierce writes). Mr McKenzie, 44, whose family business has nine horses, said: "I am not sure where I will find nappies big enough. If this idea catches on, what is going to happen at Trooping the Colour?" He goes everywhere on horseback, runs horse-drawn tours of the town, uses the horses to deliver produce from his farm at Sedlescombe and operates a horse-drawn hearse. "I think nappies, or chutes as the council has also taken to calling them, will be uncomfortable for the horses," he said. Nigel Ray, deputy borough environmental health officer, said: "This sounds funny but it is a serious problem. After all, we expect the owner of a dog that fouls the streets to clean up the mess." Cities such as Ostend and Prague have made similar efforts to curb manure. In Hastings, council dustmen cleared the mess until the refuse service was privatised.

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Poignant farewell under the night sky

*In his last dispatch from the Pacific, **Tim Severin** explains why he decided to abandon his epic voyage by bamboo raft*

STORM force winds hit us again on November 2. The raft rode the 25ft seas with astonishing calm, though waves were thumping into the sides of the cabins and spraying in through holes in the weave. The worst breakers cascaded clear over the raft. Yet we never doubted that *Hsu Fu* would survive.

When the storm passed by, and I had another chance to dive under the raft, I found that one in five bamboos in the lowest of the three layers of the main hull was gone. Swimming to the stern, which had previously been sound, I found the same ominous fringe of broken rattan, and several bamboos were missing. I called a conference. Joe, our doctor, would have liked to finish the trip but not at undue risk. Rex was willing to keep sailing as long as the raft could move forward.

Loi thought the raft might survive another 30 days. Trondur said getting to America was not important for him. What mattered was the voyage. The others agreed, all willing to work their hearts out and keep the raft afloat but would accept my decision. It was one of the hardest of my life. We had 1,000 miles to go to the coast of California, and had come 5,500 miles. We could probably make it by retying the raft with our home-spun cord. But the purpose of our expedition would be lost.

We had set out to travel across the ocean in a vessel made in ancient style with materials available to Chinese sailors 2,000 years ago. To bring to land a raft held together with scraps of nylon rope was pointless. We had already achieved the longest raft voyage of modern times.

Using the little satellite radio, we called for a passing container ship, *California Galaxy*, to take us off.

Looking down from the rail of the great ship, we could see water swirling between the bamboos of the raft's wash-through hull. Her three masts and sails were black against the night sky, and then she was gone, still afloat, still under sail but very weary and headed towards America. It was a poignant farewell, but her crew were safe and we had shared a unique adventure.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed wife who had affair

A husband who strangled his wife after discovering that she was having an affair was jailed for five years yesterday.

Exeter Crown Court cleared Mark Williams, 29, a bricklayer, of murdering his wife Beverly, 26, mother of their two children, at their home in Exeter last December but convicted him of manslaughter by reason of provocation.

Williams eavesdropped through a back window at their home as his wife made three telephone calls to her lover, a fellow employee at Sainsbury's, where she worked as a shelf-filler. When he confronted her and she admitted the affair, Williams said he "lost control".

Gambler stole

Jacqueline Downie, 48, a civilian clerk at Maidstone police station, who stole more than £11,000 from court funds and spent it on a gaming machine in the station canteen, was put on probation by Maidstone Crown Court for two years and ordered to do 100 hours' community service.

Policeman sues

PC James Brown, 45, a police dog handler, who was injured by cattle while on patrol during a royal visit to Oatridge Agricultural College, Uphall, Lothian, in June 1989, began an action against the chief constable of Lothian and Borders for £175,000 damages.

Double money

An automatic cash dispenser at Cardiff University delivered £20 instead of £10 notes to students on Monday. The National Westminster Bank denied claims that the machine had given out £80,000 but would not say how much.

Van gets away

Three police officers were injured and seven police cars damaged after a high-speed pursuit of a stolen van from Mitcham, southwest London, to Bromley in Kent. The van was later found abandoned.

Man shot dead

An unidentified young man was found shot dead in the storage yard of Carrington Power Smith metal company at Saltley, Birmingham.

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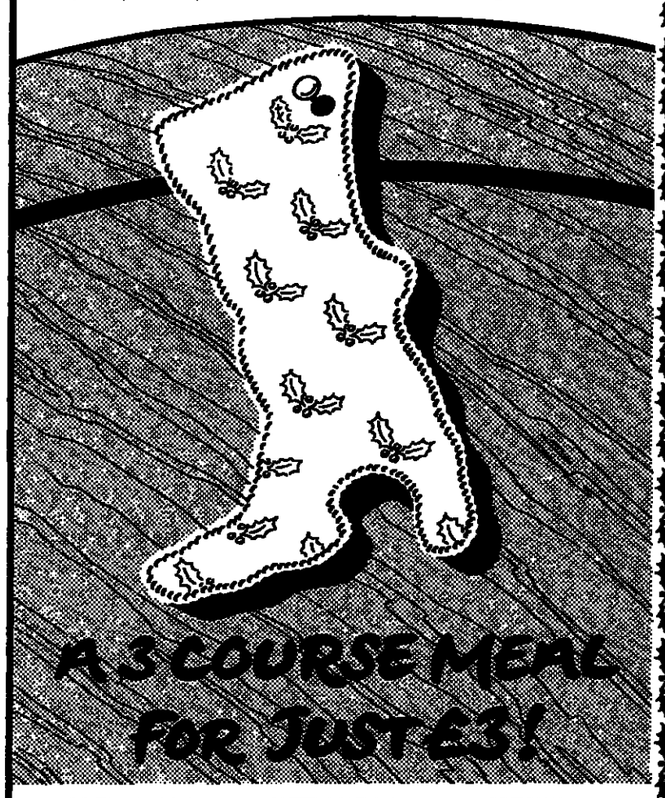
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Motorways bill widens to £6bn

■ By 2021, half the motorway network will be congested. Building more lanes has cost £1bn and the work is behind schedule

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE cost of the motorway widening programme has increased by 78 per cent in five years. More congestion and inaccurate estimates have pushed the bill to more than £6 billion, the National Audit Office said yesterday.

Widening motorways is more costly and complicated than transport department officials anticipated and the programme is slipping behind schedule, the government spending watchdog said.

The spiralling sums are due to more motorways becoming congested and projects costing considerably more than forecast. An analysis of ten of the 18 completed schemes shows the final cost was an average 103 per cent higher than the original estimate.

Estimated costs of widening the M2 between Rochester and Chatham in Kent, for example, have increased by more than 300 per cent from £41 million to £141 million. The bill for widening the M20 at Maidstone, Kent, has risen from £19.6 million to £78.5 million, largely to take extra traffic for the Channel tunnel.

Some of the biggest increases stem from plans to transform parts of the M25 into a 14-lane American-style highway. The original estimate for widening the London orbital motorway to eight lanes was £862 million. The government's recent decision to build additional link roads has increased widening costs to £1.175 billion.

The government had originally planned to widen 600 miles of the motorway network's 1,600 miles as part of a ten-year programme to ease congestion on the busiest roads. This has now been increased, owing largely to the decision to increase M25 capacity.

Transport officials had hoped to start on the most congested motorways first. But because of difficulties in obtaining planning permission, some of the less congested motorways have been widened, the report said. Moreover, the government has admitted that widening will not solve motorway congestion and that many schemes will take much longer than forecast.

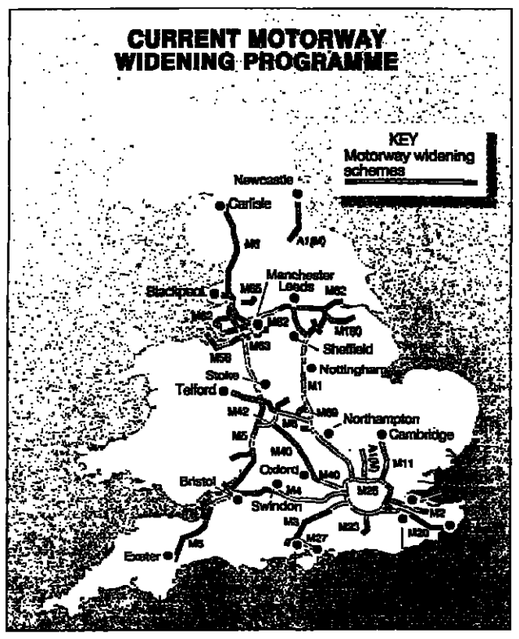
In 1988, the transport department calculated 130 miles of motorway were congested. In 1990, it forecast that up to 430 miles would be congested by the end of the decade. By 2021, half the network will be congested, with London, Manchester and Birmingham worst affected.

Richard Diment, the director of the British Road Federation, the pro-road lobby, said that at this rate of progress "it will be well into the next century before we deal with the problems that are here today".

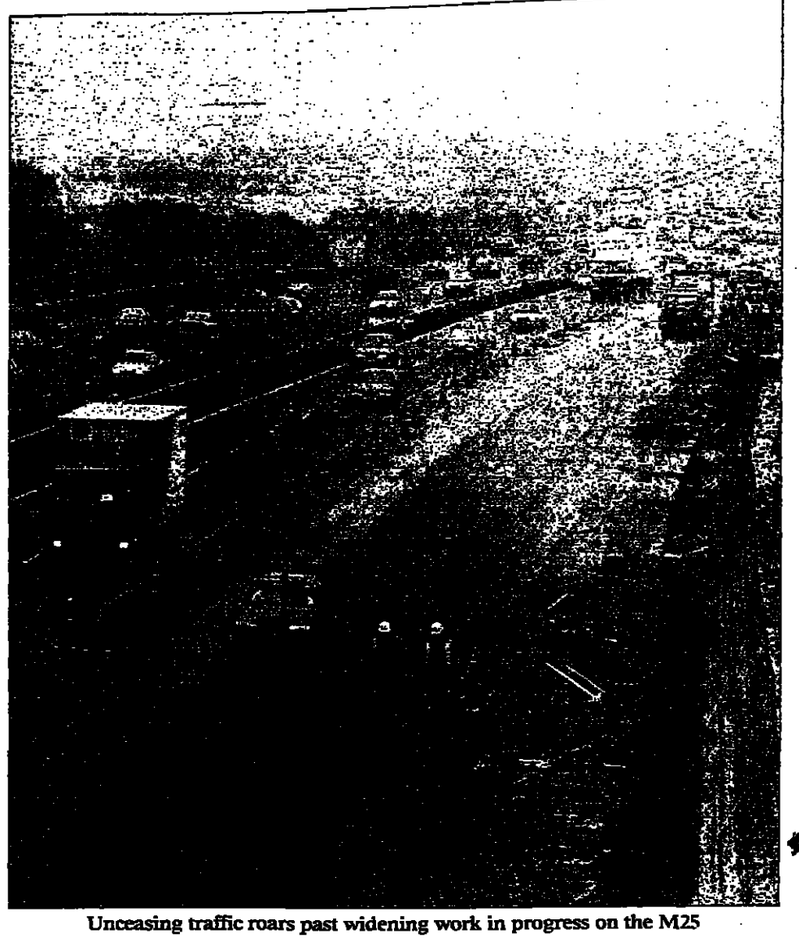
The audit office said that estimates had risen because of changes in the scope and content of work, more complex designs and underestimated traffic growth. Transport officials now recognised the need for more accurate estimates at the start. In addition, earlier widening schemes had taken an average of ten years, but there was growing recognition of the need to reduce delays faced by motorists and road hauliers.

A significant element of costs was buying blighted land and property, according to the audit office. "The transport department estimates that blight will cost some £309 million over the next three years," its report says.

Proposals to widen junctions 3 to 5 of the M20, for example, meant buying 300 properties for £28 million. The widening plans were later curbed. "Most of these properties are not required for the scheme, and the department will for some time be involved in managing and disposing of them." In future, the department plans to make and announce decisions on routes more quickly.



PETER TRIEVNOR



Unceasing traffic roars past widening work in progress on the M25

Living with a monster

BEHIND the double-glazed french windows, the noise is like the distant roar of a waterfall (Tim Jones writes).

Open the doors and a river in flood engulfs you, making the enjoyment of simple pleasures in the garden impossible. When the mist rolls in, the air stinks of traffic fumes.

That is the reality of life for many people in the village of Thorpe, Surrey, who curse the day the M25 was built and then widened to eight lanes.

They now live in dread of the transport department's plans to turn the road outside their homes into a 14-lane "monster", and the thought of the pollution from another 80,000 vehicles a day thundering past what once was a village set among green fields.

But they claim their battle against the £144 million widening, which would affect the motorway between junctions 12 and 15, could be a road too far for the government.

With a growing number of senior Tory MPs questioning the road-building programme, Eiry Price, chairman of the local protest group Flame, believes the M25 battle could be the turning point — "the Stalingrad of the struggle for more sensible transport and environmental policies".

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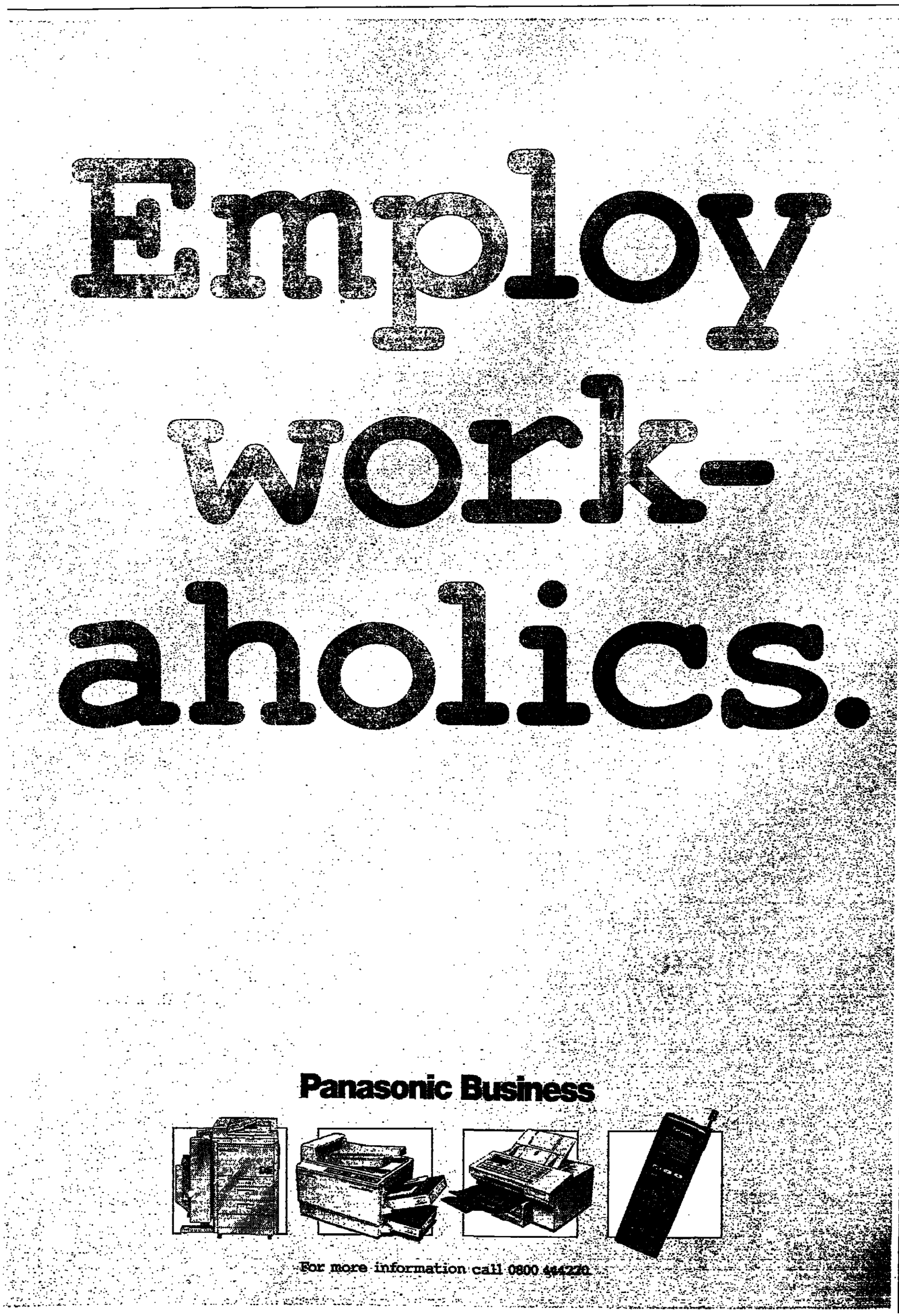
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BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Reader's game

The ultimate in readers' games is the opportunity to play against the world champion. Phil Taylor of Bournemouth was accorded this once-in-a-lifetime chance when he emerged as the overall Predictamove winner at the Savoy Theatre for the games of the championship. In the following game Mr. Taylor resists well until move 25 when the champion begins to overwhelm him.

White: Phil Taylor
Black: Garry Kasparov
Blitz Game, Savoy Theatre, London 1993

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2	d4	Bg7
3	Nf3	d6
4	Be2	Nf6
5	Nc3	0-0
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12	Qe1	Qc7
13	Bc4	h6
14	Qe2	Nf8
15	Rfd1	Be6
16	Rxd8	Rxd8
17	Rd1	Rxd1+
18	Nxd1	Nxe4
19	Bxe6	Nxe6
20	Bxh6	Bxh6
21	Qxe4	Bg7
22	Nc3	Qd6
23	g3	a6
24	Kg2	b5
25	axb5	axb5
26	h4	f5
27	Qe2	e4
28	Nd2	Nd4
29	Qd1	c5
30	Nb3	Qc6
31	Nxd4	cxd4
32	Ne2	d3
33	cxd3	exd3+
34	f3	dxe2
35	Qxe2	Kf7
36	Qd2	Ke6
37	Qe3+	Kd7
38	Qd3+	Kc7
39	Qb3	Qc4
40	Qe3 and	White resigns

Predictamove winners have now been announced for the four days of exhibition games at the close of the championship. They are: P. Lewis, David Boorman, Jamie Connolly and Anthony Eskinazi. Congratulations to all four for being the most successful at guessing the champion's moves.

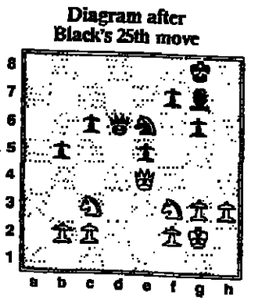
Entries invited

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Tilburg pairings

The pairings for the fourth round of the knockout tournament at Tilburg, from which the qualifiers have not yet finally been resolved, are as follows: Karpov v Kaidanov; Bareev v Cvitan; Dreev v Vaganian; Ivanchuk v Epishin; Yusupov v Kamsky; Shirov v Rosentalis; Nikolic v Beliavsky and Morozevich v Georgiev.

Diagram after Black's 25th move



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Independent and grammar schools still dominate the A-level league despite fierce competition

Sixth-form colleges move closer to top performers

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

LEADING sixth-form colleges today outstripped the performance of all but the most selective schools in the first league tables of results for the newly independent further education sector.

So great is the dominance of independent and grammar school sixth forms that only five colleges appear in the top 400 A-level scores and there is none in the top 200. But sixth-form colleges' results compare favourably with those in comprehensive schools, while further education colleges lead the way in providing vocational qualifications.

The top college for A levels is Hills Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge, where 357 candidates achieved an average A and AS level points score of 21.4 — the equivalent of two B grades and one C — compared with the national average of 14.7. King Edward's School, an independent boys' school in Birmingham, registered the best score, at 37.4 points.

Colin Greenhalgh, the principal of Hills Road, said his college and others like it were offering quality and expanding opportunity. The college's A-level entry had doubled in ten years and would rise by another 50 per cent in the next two years, making comparisons with selective schools unfair.

The colleges with the best pass-rates in vocational qualifications include Bilston Community College, Wolverhampton; Selby College, North Yorkshire; Broxtowe College, Nottingham; and Shipley College, Bradford. Keith Wymer, the head of Bilston Community College, said: "Most school sixth forms are still elitist. They are creaming off the best students and therefore dominate tables."

☐ Moyles Court School, in Ringwood, Hampshire, was shown incorrectly in last week's school league tables with six GCSE candidates. In fact, it does not yet have the relevant year group. Oxford High School should have appeared among the schools with maximum pass-rates at GCSE for 1992 and 1993, and King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls, Birmingham, in the top 20 selective state schools at A level.

The education department has issued corrections for Parliament Hill and William Ellis schools, in Camden, north London, both of which averaged 14 points per candidate at A level, and Sir William Ramsay School, Buckinghamshire, which scored an average of 9.1 points.

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

	Average points
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge	21.4
Sir John Deane's College, Northwich, Cheshire	21.0
Woodhouse College, Finchley	19.2
King George V College, Southport	19.1
Shrewsbury Sixth Form College	18.8
York Sixth Form College	18.2
King Edward VI College, Stourbridge	17.8
Notre Dame Sixth Form College, Leeds	17.8
Peter Symonds' College, Winchester	17.7
Widnes Sixth Form College, Cheshire	17.3
Selby College, North Yorkshire	17.3
The Sixth Form College, Colchester	17.2
Alton College, Hampshire	17.2
Cardinal Newman College, Preston	16.9
Winstanley College, Wigan	16.6
City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College	16.5
Huddersfield New College, Kirklees	16.5
Godalming College, Surrey	16.4
Worthing Sixth Form College, West Sussex	16.3
Greenhead College, Huddersfield	16.3
Runshaw College, Leyland, Lancashire	16.3

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Pupils at Hills Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge, which came top in the A-level points table

FURTHER EDUCATION AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE PERFORMANCE TABLES

LONDON INNER NORTH

Camden, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, London Corporation, Tower Hamlets and Westminster

COLLEGE	No of cands	Avge points 2+ A levels or AS	No of cands	% of BTEC + C&G dips
St Charles RC 6FC, Ken & Chelsea	174	12.5	—	—
Kingsway College, Camden	140	12.1	506	80
Islington Federal College	305	10.4	345	75
Hammersmith & West London College	109	9.5	124	81
Tower Hamlets College	87	8.3	65	86
Kensington & Chelsea College	1	8.0	2	0
City of Westminster College	68	7.3	55	80
Hackney Community College	11	4.0	47	81

LONDON OUTER NORTH

Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest

Woodhouse College, Finchley	224	19.2	—	—
Greenhill College, Harrow	299	14.1	33	97
St Dominic's 6FC, Harrow	201	13.3	—	—
Havering Sixth Form College	375	13.1	10	100
Weald College, Harrow	417	12.0	101	88
Havering College of F & HE	194	11.2	389	89
The College of North East London	22	11.0	46	70
Sir G Monoux 6FC, Walthamstow	218	10.8	—	—
Newham Community College	158	10.6	34	82
Elm Park College	159	9.8	69	99
Uxbridge College	122	9.7	100	84
Barnet College	172	9.5	235	70
Leyton Sixth Form College	225	9.1	20	95
West Thames College, Hounslow	141	8.3	170	78
Southgate College	200	8.2	123	69
Barking College	58	8.0	219	90
Redbridge College of FE	71	7.9	161	79
Ealing Tertiary College	71	6.7	363	67
Waltham Forest College	64	6.7	78	67
Enfield College	51	6.2	66	88
College of North West London	50	5.6	92	57
Hendon College	86	5.4	63	73

LONDON INNER SOUTH

Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Wandsworth

St Francis Xavier 6FC, Wandsworth	193	12.6	19	100
Christ The King 6FC, Lewisham	116	11.4	17	94
South Thames College, Wandsworth	159	7.9	104	76
Woolwich College	90	7.7	42	48
Westminster College	71	6.5	160	65
Southwark College	91	6.4	174	90
Lewisham College	32	5.7	56	54
Lambeth College	52	4.4	74	58

LONDON OUTER SOUTH

Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Kingston-upon-Thames, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames and Sutton

John Ruskin College, Croydon	272	13.8	—	—
Richmond-upon-Thames College	768	13.4	231	80
Kingston College	413	12.5	459	55
Coulsdon College	191	11.7	—	—
Merton College	87	11.5	214	71
Orpington College of FE	414	10.6	28	86
Merton Sixth Form College	103	10.2	—	—
Croydon College	251	8.8	332	77
Bexley College	66	8.1	133	85
Carshalton College	18	6.3	67	79
Bromley College of F & HE	—	—	186	70

NORTHERN 'A'

Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland

Wearside College, Sunderland	307	13.2	82	76
Tynemouth College	290	12.5	10	80
Monkwearmouth College, Sunderland	253	12.0	77	92
South Tyneside College	306	10.7	202	85
North Tyneside College	96	8.9	239	51
Gateshead College	124	7.3	450	87
Newcastle College	137	6.1	385	82
Northumberland Coll of A & T, Ashington	37	5.9	214	82

NORTHERN 'B'

Cleveland and Durham

Prior Pursglove College, Guisborough	228	15.2	—	—
Queen Elizabeth 6FC, Darlington	320	15.0	—	—
South Park 6FC, Middlesborough	182	14.5	—	—
Bede College, Billingham	121	14.1	—	—
Sir William Turner's 6FC, Redcar	104	13.9	—	—
St Mary's RC College, Middlesborough	202	13.7	—	—
Stockton Sixth Form College	275	13.5	—	—
Acklam Sixth Form College	185	11.6	—	—
Hartlepool Sixth Form College	179	11.5	—	—
Derwentside College	144	10.7	216	64
Peterlee College	92	8.8	81	93
Marton 6FC, Middlesborough	60	7.9	—	—
New College Durham	70	7.7	129	95
Longlands CFE, Middlesborough	12	4.8	184	53
Kirby College of FE	39	4.7	126	88
Stockton & Billingham College of FE	30	3.9	151	94
Hartlepool College of FE	16	3.9	176	65
Bishop Auckland College	3	3.3	93	67
Cleveland College of FE	40	3.2	26	100
Darlington College of Technology	15	2.4	230	78
Cleveland College of Art & Design	—	—	280	94

NORTH WEST 'A'

Cumbria and Lancashire

Cardinal Newman College, Preston	301	16.9	22	95
Runshaw College, Leyland	392	16.2	289	94
Barrow-in-Furness Sixth Form College	249	15.5	—	—
Nelson & Colne College	270	15.2	326	77
The Blackpool Sixth Form College	408	14.0	—	—
St Mary's College, Blackburn	231	13.8	—	—
Burnley College	84	13.1	117	92
Preston College	282	12.7	399	64
Accrington & Rossendale College	160	12.3	361	78
Blackburn College	233	12.1	224	79
Blackpool & The Fylde College	146	10.8	49	86
Skelmersdale College	33	7.8	127	96
Carlisle College	34	7.1	164	88
Lancaster & Morecambe College	45	5.7	103	71
Furness College	8	5.0	124	79
West Cumbria College	10	4.0	97	81
Myerscough College, Preston	—	—	43	81
Kendal College	—	—	10	70
Cumbria College of Art & Design	—	—	—	—

NORTH WEST 'B'

Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan

Winstanley College, Wigan	462	16.6	—	—
Holy Cross College, Bury	306	15.1	—	—
Aquinas College, Stockport	303	14.1	7	100
Xaverian College, Manchester	434	13.7	—	—
St John Rigby RC 6FC, Wigan	283	13.5	16	88
Eccles College	231	13.5	—	—
The Ridge College, Stockport	343	13.4	25	80
North Bolton Sixth Form College	261	13.3	—	—
De La Salle College, Salford	114	13.2	—	—
Ashton-under-Lyne Sixth Form College	241	13.1	—	—
Bury College	473	12.5	237	69
Hyde-Clarendon College	346	12.4	—	—
Loreto College, Manchester	264	11.8	—	—
South Bolton Sixth Form College	113	11.8	—	—
Hopwood Hall College, Rochdale	280	11.6	—	—
Stockport College of F & HE	125	11.3	—	—
Wigan & Leigh College	556	11.2	577	77
Shena Simon College, Manchester	208	10.6	—	—
North Area College, Stockport	152	9.5	—	—
Pendleton College, Salford	199	9.4	—	—
South Trafford College	191	8.5	212	71
Oldham College	53	8.1	266	77
Tameside College of Technology	41	7.2	190	84
City College Manchester	21	6.3	95	75
Salford College	5	5.6	66	83
Bolton College	61	5.2	370	80
North Trafford College of FE	16	5.0	109	83
Manchester College of Arts & Technology	38	4.9	60	90

NORTH WEST 'C'

Cheshire, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral

Sir John Deane's College, Northwich	325	21.0	—	—
King George V College, Southport	296	19.1	15	93
Widnes Sixth Form College	299	17.3	—	—
Carmel College, St Helens	271	14.6	16	100
Priestley College, Warrington	242	14.6	—	—
Birkenhead Sixth Form College	261	13.9	—	—
South Cheshire College	210	10.6	224	79
Knowsley Community College	71	9.3	78	82
Hugh Baird College, Bootle	206	8.8	155	90
West Cheshire College	167	8.4	232	78
Macclesfield College of FE	58	8.2	102	78
Wirral Metropolitan College	153	6.9	225	64
Southport College	94	6.7	399	61
City of Liverpool Community College	199	6.5	145	88
Warrington Collegiate Institute	30	5.5	155	55
Halton College, Widnes	34	4.8	169	63
Mid-Cheshire College of FE	15	4.8	235	84
St Helens College	27	3.2	208	83

N & S YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE

Barnsley, Doncaster, Humberside, North Yorkshire, Rotherham and Sheffield

York Sixth Form College	352	18.2	—	—
Selby College	143	17.3	245	100
Scarborough Sixth Form College	267	14.9	—	—
John Leggott College, Scunthorpe	397	14.5	—	—
Thomas Rotherham College	261	14.5	—	—
Franklin Sixth Form College, Grimsby	241	13.0	—	—
Wilberforce College, Hull	210	12.3	—	—
The Sheffield College	640	11.7	447	83
Barnsley College	321	11.3	322	63
Wyke Sixth Form College	264	10.6	17	100
Grimsby College	47	10.6	125	82
Doncaster College	104	8.3	206	63
Rotherham College of Arts & Technology	61	8.1	213	91
Hull College	94	7.2	447	78
East Yorkshire College of FE	4	7.0	36	92
Harrogate College of Arts & Technology	68	6.7	—	—
York College of F & HE	15	5.6	224	86
North Lindsey College, Scunthorpe	9	4.7	209	80
Craven College, Skipton	6	4.3	62	82
Yorkshire Coast College of F & HE	6	4.0	—	—
Rockingham College of FE	—	—	76	96
Beverley College of FE	—	—	28	96
Bishop Burton College, Beverley	—	—	24	88
Askham Bryan Coll of Agric & Hort, York	—	—	33	85
Rother Valley College	—	—	91	78

WEST YORKSHIRE

Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield

Notre Dame Sixth Form College, Leeds	197	17.8	23	100
Huddersfield New College	313	16.5	—	—
Greenhead College, Huddersfield	334	16.3	—	—
New College Pontefract	223	14.3	5	100
Wakefield College	300	13.1	388	83
City of Leeds College of Music	4	11.0	4	100
Joseph Priestley College, Leeds	4	10.8	25	52
Park Lane College, Leeds	136	9.9	146	88
Dewsbury College	79	9.8	175	84
Airedale & Wharfedale College	60	9.6	405	67
Calderdale College	21	9.0	126	83
Huddersfield Technical College	58	8.1	323	92
Bradford & Ilkley Community College	66	7.1	277	96
Leeds College of Technology	19	6.9	108	39
Keighley College	13	6.8	61	69
Shipley College	6	5.7	80	100
Leeds College of Art & Design	—	—	224	83
Thomas Danby College, Leeds	—	—	120	77
Leeds College of Building	—	—	123	56

EAST MIDLANDS 'A'

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Bilborough Sixth Form College	201	15.7	—	—
South East Derbyshire College	318	14.5	121	87
High Pavement 6FC, Nottingham	330	12.8	—	—
Mackworth College, Derby	268	11.4	113	84
South Nottinghamshire College	120	9.2	111	94
Broxtowe College Nottingham	103	9.1	176	100
Clarendon College, Nottingham	106	9.0	160	89
Derby Tertiary College	230	8.5	168	64
North Nottinghamshire College	43	7.8	113	96
Newark & Sherwood College	37	7.8	118	71
High Peak College, Buxton	2	7.0	161	88
Chesterfield College	133	6.8	231	71
Arnold & Carlton College, Mapperley	32	6.8	57	74
People's Coll of Tertiary Ed, Nottingham	87	6.7	208	60
North Derbyshire Tertiary College	73	6.4	79	77
West Nottinghamshire College	12	2.3	212	90
Basford Hall College, Nottingham	—	—	52	94

EAST MIDLANDS 'B'

Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire

Lincolnshire College of Art & Design	1	18.0	124	90
Wyggeston & QEI Coll, Leicester	360	14.1	—	—
Rutland Sixth Form College	149	14.0	9	100
Stamford College	125	13.2	88	86
Daventry Tertiary College	146	12.9	70	81
Loughborough College	84	10.5	180	89
Gateway Sixth Form College, Leicester	200	10.3	—	—
Boston College	159	9.9	58	79
Tresham Institute, Kettering	139	9.9	380	82
Grantham College	75	9.7	82	74
Wyggeston Collegiate 6FC, Leicester	158	9.2	—	—
Melton Mowbray FE Corporation	52	9.0	64	78
Northampton College	150	8.0	182	97
North Lincolnshire College	143	7.9	279	79
Coalville Technical College	8	7.3	49	90
Charles Keene CFE, Leicester	80	6.3	148	70
Wigston College of FE	14	4.7	26	100
Hinckley College	1	0.0	22	95
Brooksby College, Melton Mowbray	—	—	30	100
Lincolnshire College of Agric & Hort	—	—	5	100
Leicester South Fields College	—	—	50	74

WEST MIDLANDS 'A'

Shropshire and Staffordshire

Shrewsbury Sixth Form College	295	18.8	—	—
Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College (City)	622	16.5	—	—
New College Telford	299	13.9	—	—
The North Shropshire College	98	12.5	26	92
Ludlow College	148	12.2	10	100
Newcastle-under-Lyme College	209	11.1	117	72
Stafford College	206	9.1	300	84
Burton-upon-Trent Technical College	111	7.6	189	88
Leek College of FE & School of Art	36	7.2	47	100
Shrewsbury College of Arts & Technology	78	6.9	314	77
Stoke-on-Trent College	83	6.0	322	86
Tamworth College	9	5.1	76	92
Telford College of Arts & Technology	3	4.7	81	90
Walford College of Agriculture	—	—	10	100
Cannock Chase Technical College	—	—	144	90

WEST MIDLANDS 'B'

Hereford & Worcester and Warwickshire

Worcester Sixth Form College	331	14.9	—	—
Hereford Sixth Form College	370	14.2	—	—
Herefordshire College of Art & Design	6	13.3	49	80
King Edward VI College, Nuneaton	281	13.1	—	—
Worcester College of Technology	144	11.5	327	71
Stratford-upon-Avon College	85	11.0	170	92
Mid-Warwickshire College	184	10.4	261	90
Kidderminster College	50	9.8	81	72
North Warwickshire College of Tech & Art	125	8.1	306	85
North East Worcestershire College	82	7.8	203	72
Herefordshire College of Technology	50	7.6	51	88
East Warwickshire College	49	5.2	90	69
Evesham College	27	4.3	96	97
Warwickshire College for Agric, Hort & ES	—	—	5	100
Herefordshire College of Agriculture	—	—	71	75

WEST MIDLANDS 'C'

Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton

King Edward VI College Stourbridge	406	17.8	—	—
Solihull Sixth Form College	648	15.3	—	—
Cadbury 6FC, Birmingham	332	13.3	—	—
Sutton Coldfield College of FE	256	12.6	179	69
Rowley Regis College	144	11.7	4	100
St Philip's RC Sixth Form College	258	9.8	—	—
Joseph Chamberlain 6FC, Birmingham	68	9.8	13	92
Halesowen College	409	9.6	191	88
Sandwell College of F & HE, Wednesbury	88	9.6	247	61
Coventry Technical College	48	9.6	146	80
M Boulton Coll of F & HE, Birmingham	228	9.5	—	—
Josiah Mason 6FC, Birmingham	173	9.1	23	91
Dudley College of Technology	148	9.0	211	79
Bournville College of FE	97	7.8	77	92
Stourbridge College	47	7.7	209	88
The Solihull College	201	7.2	312	86
Wulfrun College, Wolverhampton	128	7.1	352	88
Walsall College of Arts & Technology	42	7.1	214	76
East Birmingham College	7	7.1	36	69
Tile Hill College of FE, Coventry	54	6.2	133	69
North Birmingham College	7	5.7	83	73
Bilston Community College	20	5.6	315	100
Henley College Coventry	3	5.3	160	91
South Birmingham College	32	5.1	160	96
Handsworth College	5	4.4	68	81
Hereward College of FE, Coventry	2	3.0	—	—
Birmingham Coll of Food, Tourism & CS	—	—	153	94

EASTERN 'A'

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire

Hills Road 6FC, Cambridge	357	21.4	—	—
Luton Sixth Form College	533	13.4	—	—
Long Road 6FC, Cambridge	392	13.3	—	—
West Herts College	160	9.8	684	74
Amersham & Wycombe College	196	9.7	484	82
Oaklands College, St Albans	292	9.6	277	92
Cambridge Regional College	190	9.5	416	76
Milton Keynes College	43	9.0	205	32
Peterborough Regional College	153	8.8	176	73
North Hertfordshire College	131	8.1	170	89
Isle College, Wisbech	88	7.9	188	86
Bedford College of HE	74	7.2	174	89
Aylesbury College	70	7.1	176	90
Huntingdonshire Regional College	26	6.2	48	73
Hertford Regional College	80	6.1	313	83
Dunstable College	38	5.3	335	79
Barnfield College	41	3.8	197	89
Cambridgeshire College of Agric & Hort	—	—	36	86

EASTERN 'B'

Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk

The Sixth Form College, Colchester	707	17.2	—	—
Palmers College, Grays	360	13.9	—	—
East Norfolk Sixth Form College	191	13.7	—	—
South East Essex Sixth Form College	544	13.0	20	70
Norwich City College of F & HE	277	11.1	289	87
Passon 6FC, North Walsham	165	10.4	—	—
Colchester Institute	175	10.3	219	85
Harlow College	233	10.2	186	61
Basildon College	156	10.2	169	83
Epping Forest College	361	10.1	182	81
South East Essex College of Arts & Tech	110	9.8	398	90
Chelmsford College	196	9.3	255	81
Great Yarmouth College of FE	110	9.3	45	76
Lowestoft College	48	7.4	116	88
The Norfolk College of Arts & Technology	149	7.1	265	83
Suffolk College	135	6.7	355	72
Braintree College	35	6.3	178	93
West Suffolk College	14	5.9	77	96
Norfolk Institute of Art & Design	—	—	20	100
Thurrock College	—	—	229	91
Writtle Agricultural College	—	—	67	70
Easton College	—	—	6	33

SOUTH WEST 'A'

Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset

The Richard Huish College, Taunton	278	14.8	—	—
St Austell College	361	14.6	402	70
Strode College, Street	154	14.4	128	95
Yeovil College	294	14.0	234	79
North Devon College	265	13.7	136	90
Bridgwater College	116	13.5	141	98
East Devon College	97	13.3	91	82
Exeter College	660	12.4	631	65
Penwith College	227	12.4	22	95
Weymouth College	290	12.3	175	87
Somerset College of Arts & Technology	156	11.6	278	81
South Devon College	276	10.7	126	81
Cornwall College	71	9.5	467	80
The Bournemouth & Poole College of FE	384	8.7	301	85
Plymouth College of FE	130	8.4	961	58
Plymouth College of Art & Design	—	—	63	94
Bournemouth & Poole C of Art & Design	—	—	144	90
Cannington College	—	—	93	87
Bicton College of Agriculture	—	—	9	78

SOUTH WEST 'B'

Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire

Cirencester College	194	13.3	17	100
Filton College, Bristol	253	13.1	81	99
New College Swindon	345	12.7	6	100
Brunel College of A & T, Bristol	34	12.6	146	79
Royal Forest of Dean Coll, Coleford	136	12.5	59	92
St Brendan's 6FC, Bristol	345	12.1	14	57
City of Bath College	128	11.1	261	82
South Bristol College	88	11.0	74	89
Gloucestershire College of Arts & Tech	215	10.6	351	76
Stroud College of FE	57	10.4	214	77
Swindon College	168	9.8	188	86
Salisbury College	80	8.8	182	84
Chippenham College	57	8.2	124	66
Soundwell College	67	7.0	69	88
Weston-super-Mare College	99	6.9	126	90
Trowbridge College	43	6.4	161	88
Norton Radstock College	6	4.5	9	56
Hartpury College	—	—	135	85
Nursery Nurses CFE, Bristol	—	—	4	75
Lackham College, Chippenham	—	—	29	72

SOUTH EAST 'A'

Berkshire and Oxfordshire

The Henley College	389	12.7	146	91
West Oxfordshire College	62	11.3	—	—
Oxford College of FE	147	10.6	190	88
Reading College of Technology	138	9.7	209	83
Abingdon College	62	9.7	55	84
East Berkshire College	424	9.6	254	87
Newbury College	89	9.1	445	66
Bracknell College	91	7.1	124	72
North Oxfordshire College & School of Art	72	7.1	63	92
Berkshire College of Art & Design	—	—	37	92
Rycotewood College, Thame	—	—	40	88

SOUTH EAST 'B'

Isle of Wight and Hampshire

Peter Symonds' College, Winchester	492	17.7	—	—
Alton College	339	17.2	83	99
The Sixth Form College, Farnborough	433	15.6	—	—
Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh	543	15.2	—	—
Havant College	419	14.4	—	—
Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke	511	13.8	—	—
St Vincent College, Gosport	256	13.2	79	72
Fareham College	311	13.1	265	69
Cricklade College	224	12.9	46	80
Portsmouth College	199	12.9	—	—
Brockenhurst College	400	12.5	135	79
Itchen College, Southampton	233	12.3	14	79
Taunton's College, Southampton	286	12.2	—	—
Totton College, Southampton	242	12.2	7	86
South Downs College, Havant	194	11.8	198	81
Basingstoke College of Technology	90	9.6	273	93
Farnborough College of Technology	104	9.4	113	91
Southampton Technical College	63	8.7	305	71
Eastleigh College	28	7.1	228	82
Highbury College of Technology	30	6.1	128	82
The Isle of Wight College	19	5.2	153	82
Sparsholt College Hampshire	—	—	30	97
Portsmouth College of Art Design & FE	—	—	45	91

SOUTH EAST 'C'

Surrey and West Sussex

Godalming College	421	16.4	—	—
Worthing Sixth Form College	339	16.3	—	—
College of Richard Collyer in Horsham	301	15.1	—	—
Farnham College	213	14.4	—	—
Haywards Heath College	398	14.2	—	—
Esher College	336	13.7	—	—
Chichester College of Arts, Science & Tech	228	13.7	275	83
Strode's College, Egham	185	12.7	—	—
Woking College	213	12.4	12	100
Reigate College	309	12.1	—	—
Speithorne College, Ashford	106	11.7	—	—
Brooklands College, Weybridge	284	11.1	202	95
Guildford College of F & HE	225	10.3	499	75
North East Surrey College of Technology	170	7.9	172	77
East Surrey College	61	6.7	458	83
Crawley College	31	5.1	31	94
Northbrook Coll of F & HE, Worthing	31	5.0	251	91

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Varndean College, Brighton	254	16.2	—	—
Brighton Hove & Sussex Sixth Form Coll	342	14.6	—	—
Bexhill College	283	14.6	9	100
Eastbourne Sixth Form College	199	13.9	—	—
Lewes Tertiary College	289	10.9	94	90
West Kent College	355	10.5	598	87
Thanet College, Broadstairs	132	10.1	92	93
South Kent College	124	10.0	201	90
Hastings College of Arts & Technology	10	9.5	113	70
Eastbourne College of Arts & Technology	60	9.4	134	79
Canterbury College	98	9.2	300	94
Mid-Kent College of H & FE	260	8.6	119	84
Brighton College of Technology	99	7.4	94	81
North West Kent College of Technology	25	5.1	86	86
Hadlow College of Agric & Hort	—	—	2	100
Epsom School of Art & Design	—	—	223	94

Molyneaux diagnosis delays prime minister's efforts to heal the rifts in Ulster

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major's attempt to break the stalemate in Northern Ireland hit an obstacle yesterday. James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, can never be ignored. His strong warning about the need to reduce "the fever" and allay fears of betrayal produced by the juxtaposition of the London/Dublin initiative, the negotiations on local democracy and the Hume/Adams talks will at least cause Mr Major to pause for breath.

Before Mr Molyneaux's speech, Norman Lamont had questioned Mr Major twice on the issue, while Lord Tebbit had asked whether the IRA would only lay down its arms on terms which led to the Unionists taking up arms. So how much should the prime minister now be worried?

In practice, few Tory MPs care much about Northern Ireland, beyond expressing a general wish for an end to the killing and that the IRA should not be rewarded for its outrages.

We are a world away from when Tory leaders came near to fomenting mutiny over Home Rule in the summer of 1914. It is now 20 years since the Ulster Unionists formally broke their links with the party. Before then, some of the more squirearchical members from the province served in Tory administrations. But the old guard was pushed out of Westminster to be replaced by MPs with deep roots in Unionist politics, with the unique, exotic transplant of Enoch Powell.

The politics of Northern Ireland are seen by most Conservatives as having no relation to the party battles on the mainland. Few Tory MPs have much direct knowledge or family links. Richard Needham and Brian Mawhinney, who both served as ministers in the Northern Ireland Office, are rare exceptions.

Those who do care about the province, care passionately. But they are a minority, as one strongly pro-Unionist backbencher complained to me recently.

Of the 21 Tories who opposed the Anglo-Irish agreement in a Commons vote eight years ago, only 11 are still in the Commons. But one, Michael Brown, is a whip and another, Michael Morris, is deputy Speaker — leaving just nine, of whom the most prominent is Nicholas Budgen. The assassinations of Airey Neave and Ian Gow have left a big gap. Some newer MPs will have joined them, possibly including a few of the hard core anti-Major/anti-Maastricht rebels.

There are not enough potential rebels to make a difference, especially as any likely settlement supported by the British and Irish governments will also be supported by the Labour party, as the Anglo-Irish Agreement was in 1985.

Mr Major is also not going to be a Gladstone. There is no serious threat of a repetition of the Liberal Unionist breakaway of 1885-6 over Irish Home Rule, which ensured two decades of Tory dominance.

Talk of a sell-out is premature and misleading. Mr Major, like his predecessors, is an instinctive unionist. Preservation of the union with Scotland was, after all, one of the strongest themes of his election campaign last year.

The prime minister knows that what matters is the politics of the province rather than the politics of the Conservative party. His particular strength is supposed to be as a negotiator. Any deal rejected by most Unionists will not work.

That is where Mr Molyneaux's views are crucial. His is the voice to which Conservative MPs will pay attention. Lord Tebbit's warnings are, in a sense, circular, since any deal which would provoke such a hostile Unionist reaction would not be recommended by Mr Major. The talks will succeed or fail in Belfast, not in Westminster.

PETER RIDDELL

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Howard pledges to remove obstacles in war on crime

BY ROBERT MORGAN AND ALICE THOMSON

A FOUR-pronged approach to beating the rising tide of crime was outlined by the home secretary last night. Continuing the Commons debate on the Queen's Speech, Michael Howard said that it was necessary to take action "right across the board".

The four key areas, he said, were: prevention, catching criminals, ensuring justice, and giving the courts the powers to pass appropriate sentences.

The measures in the two bills announced last week, the police bill and the criminal justice bill, would help in all four respects, Mr Howard told MPs. The response of the police to his proposals had been encouraging, but he mocked Labour's spokesman, Tony Blair, for failing to respond.

"Finding the policies of the party opposite is as difficult as finding Michael Jackson," he said. "But it will take a good deal longer to detoxify their policies when and if they are ever found."

The main responsibility for crime detection would always lie with the police, according to Mr Howard. "My job is to sweep away the obstacles which stop the police from getting on with the job of clearing up crimes and arresting criminals," he said.

He emphasised the need for modern equipment and new technology for the police and said that wider DNA profiling would be available.

Nothing sapped police morale and public confidence more than breakdowns in the criminal justice system, Mr Howard said. He promised action to crack down on the widespread abuse of bail. People on bail would be banned from serving on juries and if a jury was nobbled, a retrial would be ordered.

Strongly defending the use of prison sentences, which have been criticised during the summer by leading members of the judiciary, he said: "Some of those caught and convicted will be sent to prison, not by me, not by the government but by the judges and the magistrates whose task it is to pass the appropriate sentence upon them."

Mr Howard also laid out his plans for young offenders. He pledged to introduce a new secure training order for 12- to 14-year-olds to discipline and educate young offenders and said he intended to raise from 12 months to two years the maximum sentence for detention in a young offenders institution.

The shadow home secretary only had one sound bite — "Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime" — and he sounded like a cracked record, Mr Howard said.

Mr Blair immediately criticised the home secretary, saying: "We have had 14 years of Conservative promises of effective action, 14 years of tough rhetoric, 14 years of claiming they would put their victim back at the heart of their concern, 14 years of new laws, 14 years of talks, 14 years of failure. That is the record on which the government now stands."

The shadow home secretary said that Mr Howard was obsessed by prisons and saw them as his solution to everything, but it was just as important to to look at how criminals conducted themselves after they left prison and to why they were there in the first place.

"It is not that all the measures he advocated are wrong," he said. "But he only pays lip service to crime prevention." When pushed, he agreed that he was not against the building of new prisons.

Mr Blair also emphasised that it would be dangerous to abolish right to silence at police stations.

Civil servants warned jobs are on the line

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR civil servants who "can't or won't" get on with their ministers should be removed from office, Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary and head of the home Civil Service, said yesterday.

Asked by the all-party Treasury and Civil Service select committee whether it was possible to safeguard the position of senior civil servants who failed to get on with their minister, Sir Robin said: "That's a good reason to get rid of them." An attempt would be made to find them a position elsewhere.

Sir Robin was giving evidence on the changes in the Civil Service brought about by the government's public service reform programme, including the creation of Next Steps agencies and the market-testing of Civil Service spending. Rejecting allegations that he was presiding over the destruction of the Civil Service, Sir Robin said he thought it was right that civil servants should be subject to more competition, and that large parts of government's administrative machine could be privatised.

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Portillo sets sights on child benefit

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ While child benefit is likely to escape in the short term, it is clearly part of the plan to cut social security spending

ONE of the key areas which Michael Portillo's long-term review of social security will focus on is child benefit, a universal payment now costing the taxpayer nearly £6 billion.

With the £80 billion social security bill set to rise by 3 per cent a year just to meet statutory commitments and demographic growth, many backbenchers argue that the government can no longer afford paying child benefit to nearly seven million families, irrespective of their income.

There are unlikely to be changes in next week's Budget because of a manifesto commitment to pay the benefit.

However, Mr Portillo is now paving the way for taxing, means testing or abolishing the payment in the next parliament. At present all families receive £10 a week for the eldest child and £8.10p a week for subsequent children.

According to reports leaked from the social security department, officials are examining the case for "withholding, reducing or otherwise limiting the non-contributory, non means-tested benefits received by people with incomes or capital above specified levels". They have been asked to discuss "the financial, operational, legislative and other implications of alternative options for limiting the payments to those on higher incomes, including taxation".

Although it is arguable that taxing child benefit would not break the manifesto commitment, it is not considered a runner in this parliament. Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, points out that taxing child benefit is no longer practical now that couples are taxed independently. If the payment goes to the mother, as now, many women would receive the benefit even if their husbands were on high salaries. If the father gets the payment there would be no guarantee that it would pass to the mother. Mr Lilley favours means testing as it would tie in with his proposals for better targeting of benefits.

Poverty groups argue that some needy mothers would fail to claim the benefit if it was means tested. Family credit, which is given to low-income working families, only has a 65 per cent take-up.

Child benefit has always been a contentious issue. It sits oddly with a government intention to curb public spending, but is still considered one of the cornerstones of Tory welfare policy.

The Conservatives did try to erode the value of child benefit by freezing it at £7.25 for all children in 1987. The argument then was that help should be concentrated on the poorest families through family credit. In his memoirs Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor, claims that this was always the Treasury view but the social security department only accepted it in 1987 when John Moore was in charge.

John Major, the then chief secretary to the Treasury, was keen to consolidate the principle with a further freeze on child benefit the following year. This time Mr Moore opposed the scheme and threatened resignation. The freeze went ahead and was only lifted when Mr Major became prime minister.

Other prescriptions have been offered by MPs and social policy analysts. One option is a higher rate of child benefit for the under-fives. Another is to introduce a child tax allowance or family tax allowance, although this is not said to be favoured by Mr Portillo or Mr Lilley.

Tomorrow: Pensions



Britain to oppose increased time off for parents

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

PLANS by the European Community to increase the rights of parents to time off work came under attack yesterday as Britain argued that the proposals would be too costly for employers.

Under proposed EC legislation, mothers would have the right to three months' postnatal leave, both parents the right to a further three months' leave and unspecified time off for "pressing family needs". British law currently allows mothers 40 weeks of unpaid leave after a birth.

David Hunt, the employment secretary, said: "We do not believe that a directive of this nature is justified on grounds of subsidiarity, or on grounds of proven need, and we do not believe it is justified on grounds that it would impose additional burdens on business."

Speaking during a meeting of social affairs ministers in Brussels, Mr Hunt added: "At a time when unemployment [in Europe] is rising to up to 18 million and beyond, we should be talking about measures to tackle this, and not further rights which will extend further burdens on employers."

He said that 40 weeks' leave for mothers was one of the most generous provisions in the Community.

Britain is seeking to draw up the directive in such a way that its existing law need not be changed, while other member states can introduce new laws if they want. Yesterday Luxembourg and Denmark also opposed the directive and ministers failed to reach any agreement on the text.

Britain also reaffirmed its intention to fight EC legislation limiting working time to 48 hours a week by taking the plans to the European Court of Justice. The working hours directive, which also provides for a minimum 11-hour daily rest period and at least one day's rest a week, was formally adopted yesterday.

The directive was drawn up under the guise of health and safety at work, which only requires majority voting, and thus side-stepped the British veto. Britain claims this was illegal under EC law.

Mr Hunt said: "The idea of telling two and a half million people that they are no longer allowed to work the hours they want is not something that I am prepared to sign up to."

Civilian defence staff reductions 'too slow'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN urgent review of cuts in the Britain's civilian defence staff was demanded by MPs yesterday. A report by the Commons defence select committee claimed that reductions in the defence ministry's 155,800 civilian manpower, were substantially slower than in the armed forces.

They expressed concern that the number of senior Army and RAF officers was not falling at the expected rate. The cross-party Commons defence committee rushed out an interim report on the pace of manpower cuts in advance of next Tuesday's Budget. "We have serious doubts as to whether MoD will be able to meet its broad commitment to make 20 per cent reductions in MoD civilian numbers by 1995-6," it said. "MoD's hands-off policy seems to be resulting in the preservation of an unaffordable civilian-manned infrastructure."

Most recent reductions in civilians are due to cuts in locally employed personnel in Germany and the transfer of 7,000 civilians to the private sector following the privatisation of the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston. The number of non-industrial civilians could even rise over the next year because of the strategy of putting civilians in service posts.

The number of civilians employed in the UK by the MoD in 1992-3 was 2,350 more than planned, overtime has virtually doubled and the number of casual employees has risen substantially. The number of executive, clerical and secretarial grades is virtually untouched at just over 40,000.

"Although there have been some reductions in United Kingdom based civilian numbers, the rate of decline is now substantially slower than in the services, is not centrally managed, and may even be reversed," the committee said.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: trade and industry. Continuation of debate on Queen's Speech (trade, industry and deregulation).
Lords (2.30): Continuation of debate on Queen's Speech (local government, education and training).

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Major steps into steel subsidy row with Bonn

■ The prime minister and Helmut Kohl will find it hard to flaunt their aversion to state aid while EC finance for an east German firm continues to divide them

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BRITAIN and Germany are embroiled in a fierce row over subsidies on the eve of talks here between John Major and several cabinet ministers.

The dispute is about steel. The German chancellery has taken the unusual step of calling in Sir Nigel Broomfield, the British ambassador, to complain about Britain blocking European Commission approval of subsidies to the beleaguered east German Ekostahl company. Most of the German anger seems to be emanating from the economics ministry rather than the office of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor. Günther Rexrodt, the minister, was said yesterday to be "absolutely furious" about the British position.

The row is embarrassing because the chief binding element in relations between Britain and Germany is their mutual commitment to free trade and an aversion to subsidies. This sets them apart from France on the difficult General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade deal as well as on a range of internal European issues. The alignment was supposed to be underlined tomorrow at a summit between the prime minister and the chancellor.

The showdown came at the industry ministers' session on November 18 when Britain, backed by France, Luxembourg and Denmark, refused to make a decision on the Ekostahl project. British officials say that the European Commission proposals on the east German company were circulated only two days before the session and Britain did not want to be stampeded into a commitment.

The doubts may run somewhat deeper than that. An DM800 million (£320 million) subsidy accompanied by expansion, rather than reduction, of capacity goes against the whole belt-tightening philosophy of the European steel sector. Even Martin Bangemann, the industry commissioner, and west German steel companies have expressed scepticism about Ekostahl. But Herr Rexrodt is determined to show that Bonn is ready to fight for east German jobs. This prompted the unusual summons of the ambassador last Friday.

The German idea is that 60 per cent of Ekostahl will be sold to the private Italian Riva group and that subsidies will be used to make the company more competitive. A modern warm-rolled steel mill is planned because the east Germans are at present having to transport their steel across Germany to the Ruhr for rolling, adding DM70 a tonne to costs.

In the chancellery session with the ambassador, a senior German official expressed Bonn's "dismay" at the British position. In private, however, much stronger terms are being used. The Germans had been convinced that they had British agreement for the subsidy deal. Their dreams crumbled only on the evening before the industry ministers' meeting.

Economic officials in Bonn point to the many millions of pounds of subsidies granted to British Steel in the early 1980s. The British, slightly taken aback by the ferocity of the attack, are not ruling out agreement at the next meeting of industry ministers scheduled for December 17.



Natalia Krivova, a member of the commission designing a state coat of arms for Russia, displaying the possible final choice in Moscow yesterday. The two-headed eagle, with St George killing the dragon, is virtually a replica of the emblem used during the tsarist era. President Yeltsin is expected to approve the design soon

Russians turned off by televised party broadcasts

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN ST PETERSBURG

AS RUSSIA'S parliamentary election campaign enters its third day, all the political blocs are facing an uphill struggle against considerable public indifference.

Only a minority of ordinary Russians seem to have watched the first party political broadcast on Monday night, and most can still not tell the difference between the candidates.

The first party to broadcast will hardly have increased public interest. The centrist Civic Union, representing parts of the old Soviet state's managerial class, delivered a Soviet-style programme, with three besuited officials reading for 30 minutes a list of facts and figures to prove their case against radical economic reform.

The hardline opposition Communist Party predictably delivered a more hard-hitting message. "We're told that we are building capitalism like that in Sweden, but it is turning out to be like Colombia, and may soon be Bangladesh," said Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader.

Surprisingly, the most professional broadcast was by the Greens, or Constructive Ecology Movement, whose initials in Russian spell "Cedar". Adopting a Western style, the Green leaders delivered short, pithy, soundbites in informal settings, mixed with contrasting images of decaying Soviet industrial sites and unspoiled Russian countryside.

Russians will now be exposed to party propaganda on television at the same time each evening until December 8, four days before the elections. The leading reformist party, Russia's Choice, which is probably the best funded of all the blocs, is to broadcast later this week.

More than 100 international observers have already arrived to monitor the campaign. According to the central electoral commission, more than 1,000 are expected. Media consultants, including some from Britain, are also advising the reformist parties on their propaganda.

Transatlantic trade teams make a meal of Gatt differences

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

EUROPEAN and American trade negotiators were struggling yesterday to settle the remaining differences between them in the run-up to a world trade deal, including a protracted disagreement over whether to reopen last year's Blair House agreement on agricultural subsidies.

With 22 days to go until the deadline for a world trade accord, Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner, who arrived here with a dozen negotiators, held critical talks with his American counterpart, Mickey Kantor.

The two men held a long meeting over dinner at a Washington restaurant on Monday night, before resuming their discussions yesterday. During the meeting last weekend of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum in Seattle, Mr Kantor categorically refused to change the Blair House agreement, a sentiment also reflected by several Asian delegations. Speaking in Seattle during the Apec summit, Mr Kantor declared: "I think the French will find themselves isolated in the world. We're not going to reopen the Blair House agreement."



Kantor: predicting isolation of French

France wants some changes to the accord to make it less harsh on its small farmers. At the Apec summit, Asian participants rallied behind the American position, causing anger among the Europeans.

Speaking before last weekend's meeting, a senior European official said that the United States strategy during the summit amounted to a fait accompli, on the part of America, to foil European attempts to seek specific alterations to the agreement. These changes related to the details of how the 21 per cent reduction in export subsidies is to be phased in over a period of six years.

"The disturbing thing is the way that the whole Apec meeting has been constructed with an anti-European bias," the official said.

Bolstered by recent successes in its trade policy, notably the congressional passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), the Clinton administration is brimming with renewed confidence on a whole range of policies. On the issue of the Blair House agreement, the American position appears to have hardened. In addition to the intractable problem of the Blair House accord, the two trade representatives will discuss a series of other issues during their two days of talks, including market access for industrial goods, textiles, steel and the question of import barriers on American films, an issue of particular importance to France. Apart from the continuing dispute over subsidies, the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which faces a December 15 deadline, is also deadlocked over Japan's continued refusal to open its rice market to competition, and an accord on textiles.

Chances of an international agreement on textiles worsened because of Nafta, after Mr Clinton made a promise to some congressmen to extend the phase-out from ten years to 15 years of the Multi-Fibre Agreement. That accord protects the West's textile industry against cheap imports. President Clinton's promise to Congress has been severely criticised by Asian textile-producing nations.

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Left rallies to save Ciampi's budget as centre wavers

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ With the Christian Democrats reeling from their calamitous defeat in mayoral polls, the party secretary has denied that they will withdraw support from the prime minister

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, strove yesterday to maintain his hold on power and ensure passage of the 1994 budget following the weekend local elections which turned national politics upside down.

Amid reports that the main government party, the Christian Democrats, were discussing the possibility of withdrawing their support in the wake of the election debacle, Signor Ciampi received unexpected backing from the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) and the separatist Lombardy League, riding high in the north.

As the lira sank to a record low against the German mark, Signor Ciampi summoned an emergency meeting of the main parties in parliament and issued a statement saying that most deputies backed his policy of price and monetary stability.

However, the government's fate still appeared uncertain. "An appropriate solution now would be an immediate government crisis and the formation of a new cabinet to approve the 1994 budget," Romeo Ricciuti, a Christian Democrat member of the Chamber of Deputies key budget committee, said.

Mino Martinazzoli, the Christian Democrat secretary, issued a statement strongly denying that the party planned to pull its ministers out of the Ciampi government. "Rumours that speak of Christian Democrat ministers abandoning their commitment to the government are completely without foundation," he said.

But market jitters continued, sending share prices plunging on the stock exchange, as political analysts questioned whether Signor Martinazzoli remains in control of his party following its humiliation at the hands of the PDS, the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) and the Lombardy League. The centrist parties that have dominated Italian politics since the war were devastated. Signor Ciampi's other coalition members, the Socialists, Liberals and Social Democrats, have been buried under the weight of corruption accusations and are virtually extinct.

Before the Christian Democrats denied plans to abandon Signor Ciampi, the lira sank to 1005.25 against the German mark, moving through the psychologically important 1,000 barrier for the first time since the crisis last April that ended with the appointment of Signor Ciampi as prime minister.

Achille Occhetto, head of the PDS, issued a strong statement aimed at reassuring worried investors about Italy's political and economic prospects. "We are committed to guaranteeing approval of the budget by its scheduled deadline [at the end of next month]," Signor Occhetto said. He added that the turmoil on financial markets after the polls was completely unjustified.

Signor Ciampi, 72, a former central banker, has insisted that the budget, which includes 31,000 billion lire (£13.25 billion) in savings, must be passed before Italy's scandal-tainted parliament can be dissolved and new elections called.

Roberto Maroni, the Lombardy League's chief whip in the lower house of parliament, said he was certain that the budget would be approved before the end of the year and promised his party would not hinder its passage in any way. A defeat in parliament for the budget would inevitably bring down the government, plunging Italy into deeper crisis.

State radio reported that some Christian Democrat deputies wanted to vote against the package of highly unpopular spending cuts. Others wanted the party to pull out of the government immediately, but support Signor Ciampi on the budget, the radio said.

Little was being heard from the neo-Fascists, but Gianfranco Fini, the head of the MSI, had his prospects for winning the Rome mayoral race in a run-off on December 5 boosted by support from an influential figure. Silvio Berlusconi, the powerful media magnate who controls three private television channels, announced that he supported the MSI leader.

"If I were in Rome, I would vote for Fini," Signor Berlusconi said. "I would not have a second's hesitation because he is the candidate who groups the moderate area that is united and can guarantee a future for the country."

He added: "If the centre does not join forces, the destiny of this country will be to be governed by a 40 per cent that does not represent the new."

Jews appeal

Rome: Roman Jews yesterday asked Catholic leaders to urge their flock to vote against Gianfranco Fini, leader of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement, in the run-off for mayor on December 5. "Whether or not Fini becomes mayor of Rome depends on Catholics, not Jews," said Victor Magiar, a Jewish candidate for the city council. "They will decide." There are only 15,000 Jews among Rome's predominantly Catholic population of three million. *(Reuter)*



Swiss police arriving on the roof of a Zurich house yesterday to evict squatters. Officers smashed up the interior after the 100 illegal inhabitants rejected an offer from owners Örlikon-Bührle, an arms-to-fashion firm, of other accommodation

Israel tells of Munich vengeance

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MOSSAD, Israel's main intelligence agency, systematically hunted down and killed all the Palestinians responsible for the massacre of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, General Aharon Yariv, the architect of the hit team, admitted on television last night.

He justified the policy that wiped out much of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's military and political leadership in the 1970s. "I approach it from a cost-benefit point of view," he said. "Is it morally acceptable? That's debatable. Is it politically vital? It was."

One of the key figures killed by the Israelis was Ali Hassan Salameh, a senior figure in the PLO and the alleged mastermind of the 1972 massacre. A BBC documentary, *States of Terror*, being broadcast tonight, said that despite his notoriety, the CIA tried to recruit him. "We deal with all sorts of people," Chuck Cogan, a former CIA official, said.

The interview with General Yariv was recorded a year ago, but was delayed because of military censorship; it was shown for the first time in Israel on Monday. General Yariv this year suffered a serious car crash and is still in hospital.

In the documentary, he said that Mossad used all kinds of ways to kill the Palestinians, including booby-trapping cars. The first person assassinated was Wael Zwaiter, who was gunned down in the courtyard of his Rome flat six weeks after the Games. A well-known writer, he was the PLO's representative in the city.

The second victim was Mahmoud Hamshari, the PLO representative in Paris, although the Israelis had no direct evidence linking him with Munich. Altogether another eight people were killed. But Mossad caused a political scandal in Norway when it shot the wrong man in Lillehammer, thinking it was Mr Salameh. Six Mossad agents were arrested and five sent to jail. General Yariv admitted that the affair had been "very embarrassing".

He said Mr Salameh's secret relationship with the CIA began after contacts in Beirut, and lasted almost ten years. Mr Cogan said in the film that it was thought desirable to have a contact with the PLO so that America could be warned of any possible terrorist action against the embassy.

□ New York: The United Nations issued a warning yesterday that the marsh Arabs in southern Iraq were "on the verge of disappearing" because of persecution by Baghdad. Max van der Stoel, the former Dutch foreign minister who now serves as a special rapporteur for the UN Human Rights Commission, said the Iraqi government was continuing to bombard the Shia population and had drained 40 per cent of the marshes.

Britain to sign Uzbek gold deal

BY MICHAEL BINYON

BARRING any last-minute haggling, a British multinational will today sign the largest contract ever concluded to exploit the gold reserves of a former Soviet republic.

After Downing Street talks with John Major, President Karimov of Uzbekistan will sign a deal with Lonrho for the exploration and mining of gold in the Central Asian republic. No figures have been announced, but Lonrho is hoping to play a key role in developing new mines and repatriating the profits.

Yesterday Mr Karimov, visiting Britain for three days of talks to encourage closer business and political links, deposited a substantial amount of gold in Rothschild's bank as guarantees against British investors losing money.

President Karimov, a former Communist who pours scorn on what he calls premature steps towards multiparty democracy, will have an audience with the Queen today, as well as discussions with Mr Major on investment, development and the turbulence in the Islamic former Soviet republics. He will sign agreements on air services, economic co-operation and investment.

Mr Major is expected to refer obliquely to British concern at the authoritarian nature of Mr Karimov's government, which has clamped down on political opponents. Jewish groups have asked Mr Major to raise the case of a Jewish dissident still serving a 15-year sentence handed down by the Soviet authorities.

During his visit, Mr Karimov will meet the Confederation of British Industry and talk to cotton industry representatives. Uzbekistan, one of the world's largest cotton producers, is keen to diversify its economy.

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Zimbabwe, unlike large swathes of the rest of black Africa, passes the gin test. In a neighbouring country not long ago, we descended on the premier hotel in the capital city and ordered gin and tonic. The nearest they could offer was South African cane spirit and a bottle of soda water. The ice, had they had any, we thought best avoided.

Zimbabwe by contrast was refreshingly civilised — at least from a visitor's point of view. In a quite modest hotel down among the avenues of blue-blossomed jacaranda trees planted by the British colonialists along the thoroughfares of Harare, the capital, we found the gin to be Gordon's, the tonic Schweppes, and the ice perfectly safe to suck.

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We came across a family at dusk just outside the lodge entrance, and had to stand frozen to immobility in our open Land Rover while they crossed the road in front of us. Junior, in the throes of temperamental adolescence, trumpeted at us quite a lot, and made vaguely threatening gestures from behind a tree, until his mother prodded him with a matronly trunk and ordered him to stop behaving like a moody Italian teenager.

At the safari lodge, a corral of individual chalets on a hillside surrounding a swimming pool, sun terrace and excellent dining room, the manager cautioned all his guests. "Be careful walking to your chalet in the dark: the animals wander in here as though they owned the place." We were grateful not to encounter a trespassing water buffalo, which can display the worst temper in een the best hotels, and which probably cannot tell cane spirit from Gordon's.

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UN workers attack teddy-bear air drops

Deal with Bosnia leaders fails to get aid through

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND ADAM LEBOR

DESPERATELY needed aid convoys were again delayed yesterday in spite of an earlier agreement by leaders of Bosnia's warring parties. Relief officials nevertheless remained optimistic that the lorries loaded with food and medicine would begin getting through today.

The delays come after the much-praised agreement signed in Geneva last Friday by the three sides in the conflict to allow free passage through the war zone for aid convoys. European Union foreign ministers this week decided to back the use of force to keep the aid routes open.

European ministers also agreed to offer a "progressive suspension of sanctions" against Yugoslavia if the Bosnian Serbs return more land captured during the war to the Muslim-led Bosnian government. The ministers' decision received a cautious response from Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, who said the United States was reluctant to see any "premature" lifting of sanctions.

"We'll have to see the circumstances under which sanctions might be lifted or suspended. We've always said that if there was a settlement that was being implemented then discussions [on that] could begin," Mr Christopher said in London in advance of further talks between EU foreign ministers in Geneva next Monday.

The Secretary of State added that America would not put troops into Bosnia until there was peace there. "I have been quite forthright about this. On Bosnia we do not have sufficient strategic interests to justify placing several hundred thousand troops on the ground," he insisted.

The repeated American refusal to commit troops to the aid effort can only weaken Monday's European declaration and will do little to help the safe passage of convoys in Bosnia.

The biggest blow to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees aid operation in Bosnia came yesterday from the authorities in the rump Yugoslavia. Just as four convoys were set to roll for the beleaguered communities of Sarajevo, Tuzla, Gorazde and Zepa, Yugoslav customs officials instituted a surprise regulation effectively halting aid travelling from the UNHCR's Belgrade warehouses into Bosnia.

The move was one of several the Serbian authorities have taken that appear deliberately to complicate UNHCR efforts to bring aid to the hungry populations in Bosnia. Those hungry communities are usually mainly made up of Muslims who are besieged or under attack by Bosnian Serbs.

By denying the communities food, medicine and utilities, and harassing foreign agencies who attempt to deliver emergency relief supplies, Bosnian Serbs and Croats are increasing the pressure on the Bosnian government to capitulate. The rebels want the Bosnian government to sanction the partition of the republic along ethnic lines, which would effectively legitimise the territorial spoils of "ethnic cleansing" and set the stage for the lifting of the UN economic blockade in force against Serbia.

"Nothing is moving and this is a source of great frustration for us," said Lyndall Sachs, the Belgrade spokeswoman for the UNHCR. "It seems to indicate the lack of commitment of some of the parties to stick to the pledges they gave in Geneva," she said. "Until we get clearance, no convoys can run. Once again it is the civilian population that is made to suffer."

Late yesterday the UNHCR reached a temporary agreement with the Yugoslav customs authorities to allow convoys to pass into Bosnia. UN officials said they would try again today to get the aid through and the four convoys, carrying 250 tons of food and medicines for the four towns, appear to have clearance to move this morning.

A fifth UNHCR convoy, coming from Zagreb, the Croatian capital, and destined for Zenica, was delayed most of yesterday by Serbs along the Bosnia-Croatia border. That convoy, too, has now been given permission to complete its journey and is expected to reach Zenica today. The Zenica UNHCR warehouse, which supplies most of central Bosnia, has already been empty for a month.

British Coldstream Guards are also expected today to escort another convoy of 40 lorries carrying 400 tons of food from Tomislavgrad to Zenica. Croats finally agreed that the road would be opened after negotiations with British UN officers.

Negotiations also allowed a group of 14 wounded Sarajevans to leave for America, Finland and Luxembourg yesterday. Despite a personal agreement between Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and Sadako Ogata, the head of the UNHCR, the medical evacuation had been blocked by local Serb authorities in the morning.

One patient, a 24-year-old Serb who lived in the city and had been hit by a Bosnian Serb sniper, was in danger of dying from his chest wound if the evacuation were further delayed. A UNHCR official claimed a Serb liaison officer had said of the wounded man: "Let him die." After renewed appeals to Dr Karadzic, the group was eventually able to leave on a Canadian military cargo plane in the afternoon.

On Monday night American air force cargo planes parachuting food to besieged Muslim enclaves also dropped early Christmas toys. The communities of Tarcin and Tesanj received several tons of food and several boxes of toys. Last night other communities were also scheduled to receive presents from the sky.

Some officials, including many UN officers, question the propriety of dropping toys when food and medicines are so critically needed. "There are too many people starving for us to be dropping toys," one UN officer said.

The drops of toys also provoked anger because the enclaves which received them are mostly Muslim, where Christmas is not celebrated. Indeed, many Serbs and Croats fighting Bosnia's Muslims and besieging the towns where the toys were dropped, describe their struggle as that of Christianity against Islam. But relief supplies are forced through. Americans may as well continue air dropping teddy bears.

Muslims mined, page 1



Alena Bajrovic, four, who has a broken arm and leg, is comforted by her mother before being flown out of Sarajevo yesterday to have treatment abroad



European Union sends confused signal to the warring factions

George Brock argues that the real policy of the UN powers is towards disengagement. Britain has hinted that it will pull out its troops next year

COMMENTARY

WITH its decision to offer Serbia a suspension of sanctions for concessions on land and brandishing the threat of force against Balkan warlords who ambush aid deliveries, Europe's governments seem to have chosen a "carrot and stick" policy in Bosnia. The stick is about as menacing as a twig.

The mediators and diplomats who work to set up yet another round of talks on redrawing the map of Bosnia or to send in another lorryload of aid know that agreements made a long way from Bosnia may not mean much on the ground. The same applies to agreements reached inside the foreign ministers' council of the retitled European Union. The ministers can agree a communiqué: the words don't always mean much on the ground.

As he left Monday's meeting in Luxembourg, Douglas Hurd warned that any use of force to help get convoys through to the freezing and isolated towns of central Bosnia was "unlikely". Willy Claes, Belgium's foreign minister and chairman of the meeting which Mr Hurd had just left, told the world that he hoped that United Nations troops "would not hesitate" to fire back if convoys were ambushed in breach of agreements about safe routes for food and medicine. Mr Hurd was minimalist and Mr Claes maximalist; Mr Hurd predicted the future more accurately.

Diplomatic manoeuvring inside the European Union or the UN over Bosnia follows one clear rule. A government's enthusiasm for the use of force to deliver aid or to tilt the balance of the war is in inverse proportion to its military commitment on the ground. Mr Hurd displays not the slightest warmth for the idea that British soldiers should be entangled in firefights with what Monday's communiqué delicately called "uncontrolled elements" from militias governing the movement of aid convoys. That, he says, would slide Britain into full-scale warfare or humiliating withdrawal.

Mr Hurd has at least been consistent. He cannot stop his fellow foreign ministers threatening brigands with punishment; he simply relies on the fact that Britain and France, deploying the only contingents of any size, will try their hardest to avoid UN troops doing any fighting.

Although the onset of winter has hauled Bosnia's snow-dusted refugees back on to television, the real drift of the UN powers is towards disengagement. America and Germany, keenest to swing intervention behind the shattered Bosnian Muslims, have both lost domestic support at home by sending soldiers to Somalia. Deployments of either American or German troops in Bosnia are now less probable than ever.

Mr Hurd and his officials are pointing quietly to the date of March 31, when the European Union's current "joint" Balkan policy expires, and hinting that if matters have not improved, British troops may not stay. A German official explained that among the foreign ministers there were now two schools of thought: those who thought all forms of mediation and intervention were hopeless and those who backed one last effort to make a breakthrough. Governments this week chose the second option, but most of them seem pessimistic.

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Americans rescue crashed RAF jet pilot in Iraq

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

IN A covert American helicopter operation, an RAF Harrier pilot was rescued from a remote part of northern Iraq yesterday after he had been forced to eject from his fighter aircraft.

Parachuting into a mountainous region in freezing conditions, the pilot's personal-locator beacon, attached to his lifejacket and transmitting a distress-frequency signal, helped to guide his rescuers to him. The pilot had been flying his single-seat Harrier GR7 over the Kurdish area of Iraq on a routine patrol. British, American and French aircraft have been flying over northern Iraq since the end of the Gulf war to protect the Kurds from Iraqi attacks. The RAF's mission is codenamed Operation Warden.

The drama began early yesterday when the Harrier, the most advanced version of the jumpjet, suffered mechanical failure. The unnamed pilot was able to send a distress signal before ejecting. Landing in daylight, he suffered only minor injuries. He went down inside the Iraqi border about 250 miles east of Incirlik, the Turkish base from where the Harrier and other coalition aircraft mount daily patrols.

Satellites would also have picked up the distress signal, alerting ground stations. However, RAF sources said that since the pilot had managed to use his radio before ejecting, the American helicopter rescue team would have homed in on the same distress frequency as his personal-locator beacon.

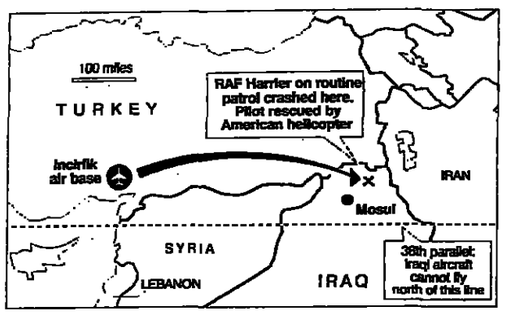
The Americans have developed a sophisticated covert search-and-rescue technique using Chinooks and other helicopters to fly behind enemy lines to rescue downed aircrew and "compromised" special forces troops. A special US rescue team is based at Incirlik. Yesterday was the first time a pilot had been rescued from northern Iraq.

An attempt may be made to recover the crashed Harrier to help the RAF board of enquiry in its investigation of the cause of the mechanical failure.

A spokesman for the US Air Force at Incirlik declined to give further details of the rescue.

The crashed Harrier was one of eight GR7s from No 4 Squadron, based at Laarbruch in Germany, which replaced the detachment of Jaguars at Incirlik earlier this year. The Harriers often fly on missions with American aircraft, such as the F4G Wild Weasel electronic warfare plane.

The value of maintaining a combat helicopter rescue unit was underlined during the Gulf war. American helicopters and expertise had to be relied on when attempts were made to rescue personnel behind enemy lines. The RAF is considering training its own specialised combat search-and-rescue teams for behind-the-lines operations.





Palestinians hurling stones at an Israeli army post in Ramallah on the West Bank yesterday following last week's fatal shooting of a classmate

Israeli militants face crackdown

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli government served notice yesterday that its security forces in the occupied territories will be given tough new orders to crack down on the activities of militant Jewish settlers.

In a move normally reserved for radical Arab groups opposed to the peace agreement with the Palestinians, the government of Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, is planning to use its full military force to halt a recent campaign of violence and intimidation by heavily armed Jewish militants.

David Libai, the justice minister, said yesterday: "What must be clear is that your being a Jew in the territories does not give you immunity from the use of legal measures against you."

On Sunday settler leaders representing 125,000 Jewish residents in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip announced the start of a "militant direct action" campaign aimed at thwarting the peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The agreement envisages the transfer of authority from Israeli military rule to Palestinian self-government in the territories, effectively leaving the 145 settlements in a state of limbo.

In the past few weeks, groups of Jewish vigilantes have gone on the rampage, destroying Arab cars and property, and shooting several Palestinians in random retaliatory attacks. Last week in the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian shot by a Jewish vigilante died of his wounds.

To combat the upsurge in violence, Michael Ben-Yair, the attorney-general, has recommended the use of several draconian measures against the settlers, who until last year's elections enjoyed strong political and financial support from the previous right-wing Likud government. The recommendations, in a report due for cabinet approval on Sunday, are believed to include: boosting the surveillance operation by the Shin Bet intelligence service against settler leaders; banning a settler vigilante group calling itself the Road Safety Committee, which is linked to the racist Kach movement; and giving soldiers of all ranks the power to arrest Jewish suspects.

☐ **Amman:** King Husain told parliament yesterday that Jordan was taking "foolproof, wisely regulated" steps towards peace with Israel but a full settlement was impossible while the Jewish state demanded sole sovereignty over Jerusalem. *(Reuter)*

Jackson sued by guards

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SANTA MONICA

FIVE former security guards are suing Michael Jackson, claiming he sacked them because they knew too much about his alleged activities with young boys.

Their suit, filed on Monday, added to Jackson's woes before a superior court hearing yesterday into allegations that he molested a 13-year-old boy. At the hearing Jackson's lawyers asked the judge to delay the boy's lawsuit for six years, when the statute of limitations expires.

Jackson maintains that the boy's allegations stem from a failed $20 million (£13.5 million) extortion attempt. Jackson, whose lawyer denied the guards' claims, has not been charged with any crime and police are still investigating the allegations.



Jackson: molestation enquiry continuing

Murder defendants remove ANC arbiter

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

THE trial of three men accused of killing Amy Biehl, the American exchange student battered and stabbed to death after taking colleagues home to a township outside Cape Town in August, was again interrupted yesterday when Justice Poswa, their counsel, objected to one of the two assessors assisting the judge.

He told the judge that the accused, who acknowledge being Pan Africanist Congress members, objected to Renata Williams assisting him because she was a member of the rival African National Congress. Mr Poswa also objected to Miss Williams because she is a friend of the head of the university department to which Biehl was attached.

In granting Miss Williams's request to be allowed to excuse herself, Mr Justice Gerald Friedman said: "I want to make it perfectly clear that I have not the slightest doubt that Miss Williams would not have been influenced in any way by the fact she is a member of the ANC." He then adjourned the hearing until this morning.

In the dock are Mongesi Manqina, 21, and Mzikhona Nofemela and Vusumzi Ntamo, both 22. Three other defendants were released on Monday. A seventh has absconded.

☐ **Johannesburg:** More than 1,000 people in the Mandela View black squatter camp 40 miles east of here are thought to have contracted typhoid. Two people have died.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cold kills 26 across Europe

London: Record low temperatures have claimed scores of victims and caused havoc across Europe as far as Kiev (Our Foreign Staff writes). A dozen homeless people died in Russia, France and Germany. Fourteen more people died in heater accidents in Ukraine and eastern France.

The deaths of six homeless men on the streets of Paris has prompted a national outcry. In Moscow, four people froze to death and nine were taken to hospital. Two homeless men in their fifties also died of cold in east Germany.

Team picked

Lagos: General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's leader, has named a transitional regime, including Baba Gana Kingibe, Chief Moshood Abiola's running mate in the anulled presidential elections. *(AFP)*

Burundi aid

Geneva: The UN appealed for £6.5 million to help the survival of 250,000 people in Burundi and gave a warning there could be a new wave of ethnic violence in the Central African country. *(Reuter)*

Kennedy freed

Arlington, Vermont: William Kennedy Smith, the nephew of Senator Edward Kennedy, pleaded "no contest" to charges of punching a bouncer. He agreed to carry out community service and was placed on a year's unsupervised probation. *(AP)*

Whale of a tale

Oslo: Leif Hansen, 59, a Norwegian fisherman, claims his 15-foot boat was attacked by a 24-ft minke whale which then swam ahead of him for 15 minutes, forcing him to take evasive action. *(Reuter)*

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£2,000 – £9,999	1.00 %	1.00%	0.75%
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£10,000 – £24,999	3.75 %	3.80%	2.81%
£2,000 – £9,999	3.25 %	3.29%	2.44%
World Savers (for Children)	0.75 %	0.75%	0.56%

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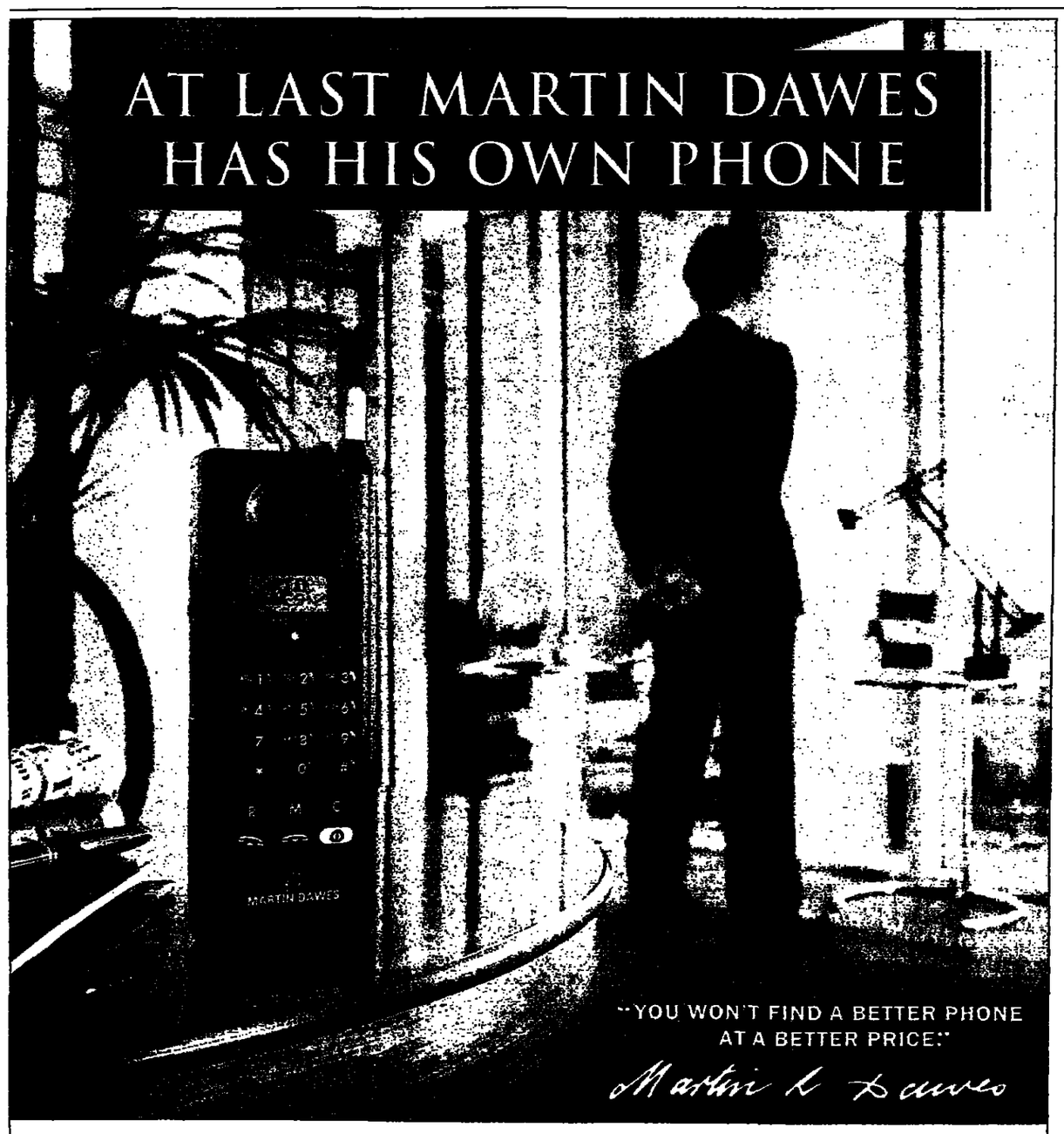
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Hurd tells Peking to speed up deal over Hong Kong

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

■ **Cat-and-mouse tactics by China in talks on the transfer of power in 1997 have caught Hong Kong officials in a diplomatic trap and left them searching for a quick escape**

MA YINCHU, the Chinese ambassador to Britain, was summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday to be reminded that time is running out in the Hong Kong negotiations.

Although the Foreign Office played down the gravity of his discussion with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, official sources in the colony stated that Mr Ma had been told "it is essential to get these matters settled fast".

The Chinese had previously indicated that they were now in a mood to make concessions on relatively simple matters, but Chris Patten, the governor, said two days ago that "the less contentious issues remain doggedly unresolved".

The talks, in the words of an official source, "are going backwards". He drew attention to a report from Peking that the Chinese are now saying their security services have information that certain members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council (Legco) belonged to organisations aimed at overthrowing the Chinese government and that after the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989 they had "wanted persons to escape from China".

This would strengthen previously vague allegations of "subversion" against Legco members who the Chinese have said will not be qualified to hold their positions after the 1997 transfer of sovereignty. British officials in Hong Kong express bitterness that they were led into a diplomatic trap by the Chinese just before the critical cabinet meeting on the colony two weeks ago.

At the fifteenth round of talks, and in private meetings with Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador in Peking, the Chinese offered to narrow the gap by agreeing to discuss relatively unimportant matters such as the voting age and how the elections in 1994 and 1995 would be conducted. It is conceded that these last-minute indications caused the relatively low-key remarks made in public by Mr Hurd,



McLaren: Chinese said they were ready to talk

which were interpreted by Peking-controlled Hong Kong papers as an eagerness to compromise.

"Then we discovered in the sixteenth round that they were reneging," said a source, "and that they had never meant what they said ten days before. That's pretty crude. We're in a mood now to make a deal fast or bring in the legislation ourselves."

□ **Washington:** President Clinton was preparing to outline a "new approach" to defusing the North Korean nuclear crisis late yesterday provided he enlisted the support of President Kim Young Sam of South Korea at a White House meeting (Martin Fletcher writes).

Mr Clinton was expected to propose a series of incremental concessions to North Korea, each contingent on reciprocal steps by Pyongyang towards the full disclosure and dismantlement of its nuclear weapons programme. The administration won the broad endorsement of South Korea, Japan and China for that approach during last weekend's Pacific Rim summit in Seattle, but before yesterday's meeting South Korean officials were still concerned that the American plan might appear to be far too conciliatory.

Convict's tale sparks Alcatraz manhunt

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE hunt for three prisoners whose breakout three decades ago inspired the Clint Eastwood film *Escape From Alcatraz* has begun again after a former inmate provided new information and admitted he had helped in the planning.

In a television interview to be broadcast in America next week, Thomas Kent, a one-time prisoner at the notorious island jail in San Francisco Bay, discloses that the three escapees had an accomplice waiting on shore to take them to Mexico in 1962 when they managed to flee.

Police and the FBI have long assumed that Frank Lee Morris and two brothers, Clarence and John Anglin, all drowned or were eaten by sharks in the mile-wide channel between "the Rock" and the mainland. "Although we never found the bodies, we presumed they had drowned because a makeshift oar and a lifevest turned up on nearby Angel Island," said Dave Branham, a spokesman for the US Marshals' Service.

But Mr Kent's evidence has persuaded the authorities to reconsider the case, which was never formally closed. "We think there is a possibility they are alive," said Mr Branham.

Mr Kent, now 67, says he helped to plot the breakout but backed out at the last moment because he could not swim. The FBI had previously believed the men dug their way out using spoons, but Mr Kent claims the group stole a vacuum cleaner which they converted into a drill. Using this tool during the evening music hour to drown the noise, the inmates apparently widened a ventilation duct to the prison roof.

On June 11, 1962, according to Mr Kent, they slid down a drain pipe, climbed a barbed wire fence and reached the shore of Alcatraz island, where they climbed aboard a raft made out of raincoats smuggled from the prison sewing shop and buoyed up with a concertina.

They were never seen again, but Mr Kent claims the men had learnt Spanish and an accomplice, the girl friend of one of the prisoners, was waiting on shore to take them to a new life. The FBI had believed the testimony of another prisoner, now dead, who said the trio planned to steal a car when they reached the mainland. Since no thefts were reported, the authorities assumed the men had died.

"After 30 years they're well ensconced wherever they settled, and I couldn't harm them now," Mr Kent, a convicted bank robber paroled in 1965, told the *Chicago Tribune*. He claims to have had no contact with the escapees.

Mr Kent, who now lives in San Diego, said that up to 40 prisoners were involved in the plot to enable the three convicted bank robbers to escape. He said he had been questioned by police four years ago, but at that point had maintained his silence.

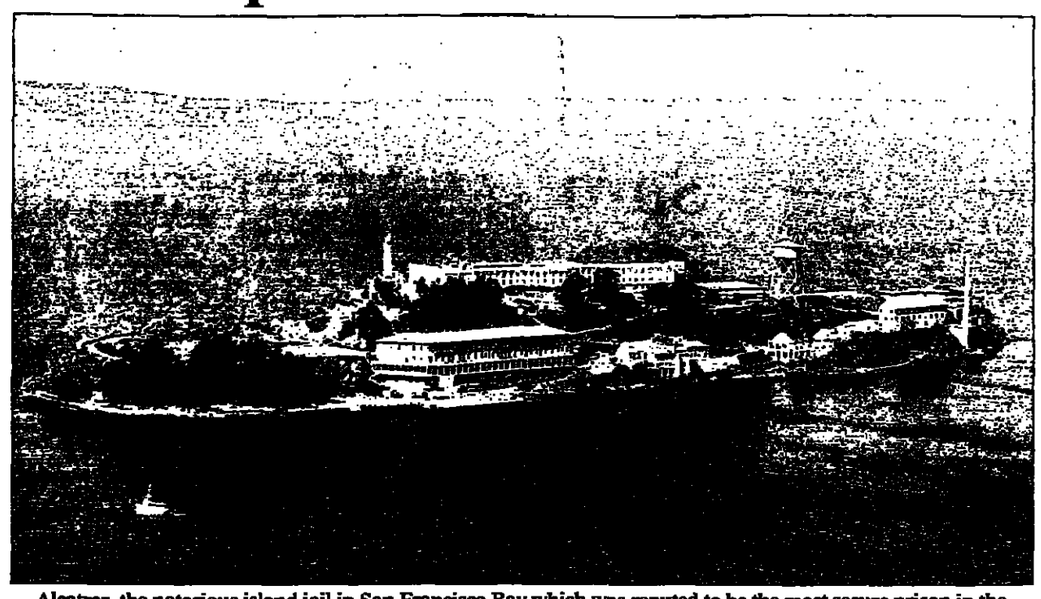
The original escape prompted dozens of tips and false trails over the years, and helped turn the prison into a tourist attraction. As a publicity stunt a ferry company, which takes more than one million tourists to and from the island every year, has offered a $1 million (£680,000) reward for information leading to the escapees' arrest. Mr Kent may be first in line to claim the money if the new enquiry yields results.

In 1986 a prisoner in Wyoming, also named Clarence Anglin, claimed to be the grandson of one of the fugitives. His namesake and grandfather, he said, had made it to shore and spent the rest of his life living under an assumed name in Iowa, where he died of natural causes. His two accomplices were devoured by sharks, according to Mr Anglin the younger. Police have never succeeded in verifying the story.

If any of the three made it safely ashore, they would now be more than 60 years old.

Alcatraz, which once housed such criminal celebrities as Al Capone, was closed in 1963. A total of 41 prisoners attempted to escape during the 29-year history of Alcatraz, which was reputed to be the most secure prison in the United States. Only five were never traced, while the rest were recaptured, shot or drowned in the attempt.

The version of the escape portrayed by Eastwood in the 1979 film was largely fantasy, according to Mr Kent, who was paid $2,000 in expenses to appear on the television programme *America's Most Wanted*. "They'd still be digging through that reinforced concrete if all they used were spoons," he said.



Alcatraz, the notorious island jail in San Francisco Bay which was reputed to be the most secure prison in the United States. The breakout by three inmates 31 years ago inspired a film starring Clint Eastwood, below



Clinton move ends air strike

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

WITH AN unusual intervention to end a four-day strike of 21,000 cabin crew at American Airlines, President Clinton did what no other American president has tried since Lyndon Johnson, using the authority of the White House to get involved directly in an air labour dispute.

By doing so, he risked accusations of meddling in the private sector's own business, but the gamble paid off, and in the end he secured a double round of applause. One came from the travelling public, which is now spared delays during the forthcoming Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The other was from the unions, which appeared to have secured the better end of the deal. After alienating the unions over the North American Free Trade Agreement, ending the strike was a perfect opportunity for President Clinton to begin a process of reconciliation with them.

The applause from the management of American Airlines was more muted. Robert Crandall, the company's president, reluctantly agreed to binding arbitration, a central union request which he had only rejected on Sunday. Defending his turn-around, he said that for anyone "to say, 'No, I won't do that' to the president requires an awfully good reason".

In a White House statement, President Clinton sought to justify his intervention in the strike on the ground of public interest.

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The Diarist rails against a most barbarous entertainment

Play it again, Sam

PENNED IN haste this Twenty-Fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord 1993.

And so I, Samuel Pepys, take up my pen again after a sad lapsus of more than three centuries to record a strange and discomforting intelligence in my privy Diary. The players of this bustling New Age have proclaimed that they will present my Life and my Diary at their little mechanical Playhouse, barbarously misnamed "the television", which has its separate stage in every house in the land. I trust my descendants in the Royal Society have taken a share in this innovation, though such honest and painful scholars cannot surely have been consulted over its mongrel name.

I made it my business to watch a libel on the Court on the actors' engine last night, entitled *To Play the King*, and it was the most insipid ridiculous play that ever I saw in my life, as feeble as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by that older upstart, Will Shakespeare.

They have, it is rumoured at the Royal Court, engaged the leading player of the day, one Master Kenneth Branagh, to represent me. He is said to be a pretty enough fellow, and a high flyer, as they call it — though I misdoubt that any player can do me justice in my prime, with my new periwig and silk suit, which cost me much money. They say that Master Branagh has read my Diary, and admires it with such a "compleat passion" that he had an usher read out a passage at his wedding. Strange to say what delight we married people have, even centuries after death, to see these poor fools still decoyed into our condition, and still remembering us.

My Diary was written for mine Eyes only, for there be many accounts in it that I should not have wished known by my wife, poor wretch. To take a foxing instance that troubles me, there I recorded many pleasant but secret encounters that I had with pretty ladies of my acquaintance, where I did what *je voudrais avec* them, both *devante* and backward, which is also my bon plazer.



Samuel Pepys: TV debut

I fear with what explicit roguery and shamelessness the television players will present these occasions, for I am told that My Lord Chamberlain has lately been relieved of his duty to censor the players and restrain their customary lewdness.

It was to conceal such privy matters, as well as such dangerous political indiscretions as describing the Duchess of Albermarle as "a damned ill-looking woman", that I devised the cunning cipher in which I composed my Diary. This has only lately been entirely deciphered, in a masterpiece of lively scholarship, by Masters R Latham and W Matthews at my beloved college of Magdalene beside the Cam, where still rest my books in their oaken presses.

I trust that the managers of the television play will consult such scholars in their work. I fear recurrence of the horrid libel bruited against me by such flighty entertainers, who wrote: "Among the famous characters of the period were Samuel Pepys, who is memorable for keeping a Diary and going to bed a great deal, and his wife Evelyn, who kept another memorable diary, but did not go to bed in it." So traducing also my good friend, John Evelyn.

THEY SAY that the "television" will cost no fewer than ten millions, when I was once ashamed when my entertainment one week cost me above £12. So I see that it is impossible for these producers to have things done as cheap as other men. But in spite of my misgivings, entertainment and women I cannot but give way to, whatever my business is. I was the Paul Pry of my age, with my constantly shifting attention, and a mind which I said was "with child to see any strange thing".

I shall see my resurrection by Master Branagh, reserving my right to laugh and jeer at his mistakes and appearance. And mighty proud I am (and thankful to God Almighty) that I and my Diary are still remembered long after I last laid down my pen.

Samuel Pepys was talking to Philip Howard.

Is faith worth a button?

Rachel Kelly peers into the secrets of the Church of England's collection plate

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The spirit of giving: a collection from parishioners is taken at the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater

The punsters have been having fun. Headlines rang out yesterday "Let us pay" and "Can't pay, won't pray"; cartoonists enjoyed picturing the "Church of St Mark the Tax Gatherer, where today's bargain hymns cost £1, service not included." (It should be St Matthew, actually.)

The reason? The Rev Derek Sawyer, vicar of St Aldate's, Gloucester, wants to introduce a membership subscription scheme to save his church. "The Church is rapidly going out of business," he writes in the latest edition of the St Aldate parish magazine. "People don't like to admit it, but it is a fact. Perhaps the only way forward is to say you can only belong to a church if you pay a subscription."

Mr Sawyer proposes that a family would pay £12 a week for church membership and a single person £7. Poor families the retired, unemployed and students would pay £3.

"Only half are paying realistically," Mr Sawyer says. "However poor you are, you can afford to put more than 20p in the plate." (Or buttons: the traditional response of the stingy.)

So how much should you give? A straw poll reveals that the going rate for a country squire is now about £10. For the rest of us, to each according to his bonus, and how good the sermon is. There are those who knock £1 off for a bad sermon, and add 50p for a good one. Heavy-handed pressure from the priest to give more often backfires. One colleague switched churches after a sermon in which the priest berated his congregation in general for their short arms and deep pockets, and the person who had had the temerity to give 50p in particular.

You cannot, of course, ask someone how much they contribute to their local church. It would be rather like asking how much they earn or whether they are unfaithful to their wife. Nor is it acceptable to show how much you are giving. The well-behaved parishioner gives his money, like his hand in marriage, discreetly and soberly, paw clutched into a fist to conceal his contribution.

In country churches, at least, it is accepted that giving should reflect rank. The squire in the front pew sets the pace: others take their cue from him.

Putting a price on prayer may make good fun for cartoonists, but it should alarm Anglicans. There is a serious point here. How is the church to fund itself in future? As Mr Sawyer points out, his parish is running at a deficit of £40 a week, and many others are in the same position.

Donations to the parish plate have to fund most of a parish's expenses, and the proportion may be rising as the contribution of the Church Commissioners shrinks.

Of the nation's 1.1 million regular Anglican church-goers, those who convenant donations through Nigel Lawson's give-as-you-earn scheme give an average of £3 each a week. Others drop an average of just £1.39 into the plate.

Some parishes are more generous than others. Figures from Church House for 1990, the latest year available for all 43 dioceses, show that parishioners in London gave an average of £4, while those in Chichester paid £2.10, one of the lowest. Meanest of all are parishioners from Truro, who paid £1.65, closely followed by Lincoln at £1.70.

> 'If everybody gave that little bit more, we would be all right'

The Right Rev Bill Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, was so horrified by how little his parishioners contributed, that earlier this year he decided to set an example by giving 5 per cent of his £20,000 annual salary — about £20 a week — and hopes that the habit will trickle down to those in the pews.

Churches can, and do, supplement their income with the usual round of fêtes and bazaars, but whichever way you pray, the money is not enough. Last year, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, appealed for the laity to give 5 per cent of their income to the church.

Our medieval forebears would have considered this a bargain. They were expected to give one-tenth of the produce of the land to the Church, at first voluntarily but made compulsory by the end of the 8th century. The "great" tithes were those of major crops, the "small" consisting of lesser produce.

Predictably enough, tithes became a source of friction between parson and parishioner. With the rise of the Puritans and later of nonconformity, grievance grew. "Commutation of tithes" began before 1600, by which the tithe became a rent. Acts of 1836, 1937 and 1951 commuted tithes to lump sums payable in instalments. Now the church demands nothing from its worshippers. Mr Jenkins says: "It would not be right to discriminate against parishioners on the basis of an ability to pay."

But if you cannot force parishioners to pay, the only hope is that they will pay more voluntarily. The Church's own solution to its financial problems is simple. "If everybody gave that little bit more, we would be all right," Mr Jenkins says.

Perhaps the collection plate could come round more than once. Perhaps there is much to be said for Mr Sawyer's plan. A payment of £624 for spiritual sustenance for the whole family sounds cheap. And one wouldn't have to go to the cash-point on Sundays.

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A study in failure

What made Julian Jebb's life so special that it sparked a volume of tributes from his famous colleagues?

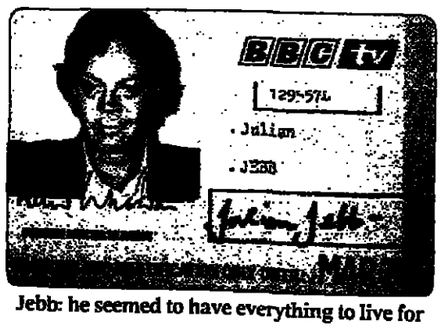
Suicide is still the unforgivable sin, an insult to the living. Nine years ago Julian Jebb — critic, bohemian and pioneer of television — died of an overdose of Heminevrin. He was 50. The suicide of one so young, so talented, so obviously liked is always a matter for bafflement. As Germaine Greer wrote when he died: "You weren't friendless; you weren't ill; you weren't loveless; you weren't unemployed; you weren't broke; but you wanted to be dead."

In Jebb's case, the mystery is partly alleviated by *a dedicated fan: Julian Jebb 1934-1984* (Peralta Press, £25), a volume of reminiscences and fragments edited and published by Tristram and Georgia Powell. What made his life special enough to evoke such affection from the likes of A.S. Byatt, V.S. Naipaul or Patrick Leigh Fermor?

For all his much-attested conversational brilliance, his precocious performances in the Cambridge Footlights, his interviewing technique, his documentaries, Jebb saw himself as a failure.

Why did the novels he began never get beyond page 40, as one friend records? At one level, his shipwreck is easy to understand. Jebb was an alcoholic, a homosexual, a depressive, and addicted to anti-depressants. Barry Humphries made him go to Alcoholics Anonymous, but it did no good: Humphries adds, tellingly: "Well-meaning friends did not always do Julian a service by propping him up with cash, holidays and other favours, like a spoilt child."

Jebb was also deeply sensitive about his looks and his diminutive stature: his friends often describe him in mythological terms ("something between Puck and the god Hermes in an English incarnation", says Alison Lurie), but he clearly minded a lot. Jebb's vulnerability to criticism was extreme. When Melvyn Bragg tells how he sacked Jebb as his presenter, and adds "I fear he was a little burnt by the experience", one suspects that it was worse than that.



Jebb: he seemed to have everything to live for

But the origins of Jebb's despair cannot be disentangled from his Peter Pan syndrome, his chronic inability to cope with grown-up life (cars, bills, office routine, even relationships). For Jebb was the grandson of Hilaire Belloc, and was brought up in Kings Land, a gloomy house in Sussex, where the author of the *Cautionary Verses* spent his dotage.

"He sat in his study, dressed in a black suit, stained by food and candle grease, reading his own works," wrote Jebb years later. "...the household could often hear his exclamations 'Admirable!' we heard. 'This man can write!'" No wonder Jebb conceived a deep dislike of Belloc's "upper-class Edwardian morbidity" and the "Gallic oddness" that was maintained by his parents Reg and Eleanor long after the old man's death. He extended this hostility to their Catholicism and its "suffocating aura of exclusiveness, sentimentality and guilt-expiation".

He inherited a deep and ineradicable sense of inadequacy. Belloc's Lord Lundy is told: "Sir! you have disappointed us!/We had intended you to be/The next Prime Minister but three...". Oddly enough, Jebb did not disappoint anyone by his failure to become a successful writer — anyone, that is, except himself.

Antonia Fraser tells a funny story about Jebb meeting Harold Pinter and advising the playwright to bury the hatchet with Proust's formidable and obstructive niece by embracing her. "But Harold, can't you see, all she needs is love?" That was the doctrine of the 1960s: the trouble was that Jebb didn't really believe it. His inner voice said: "This man cannot write!" And that he could not bear.

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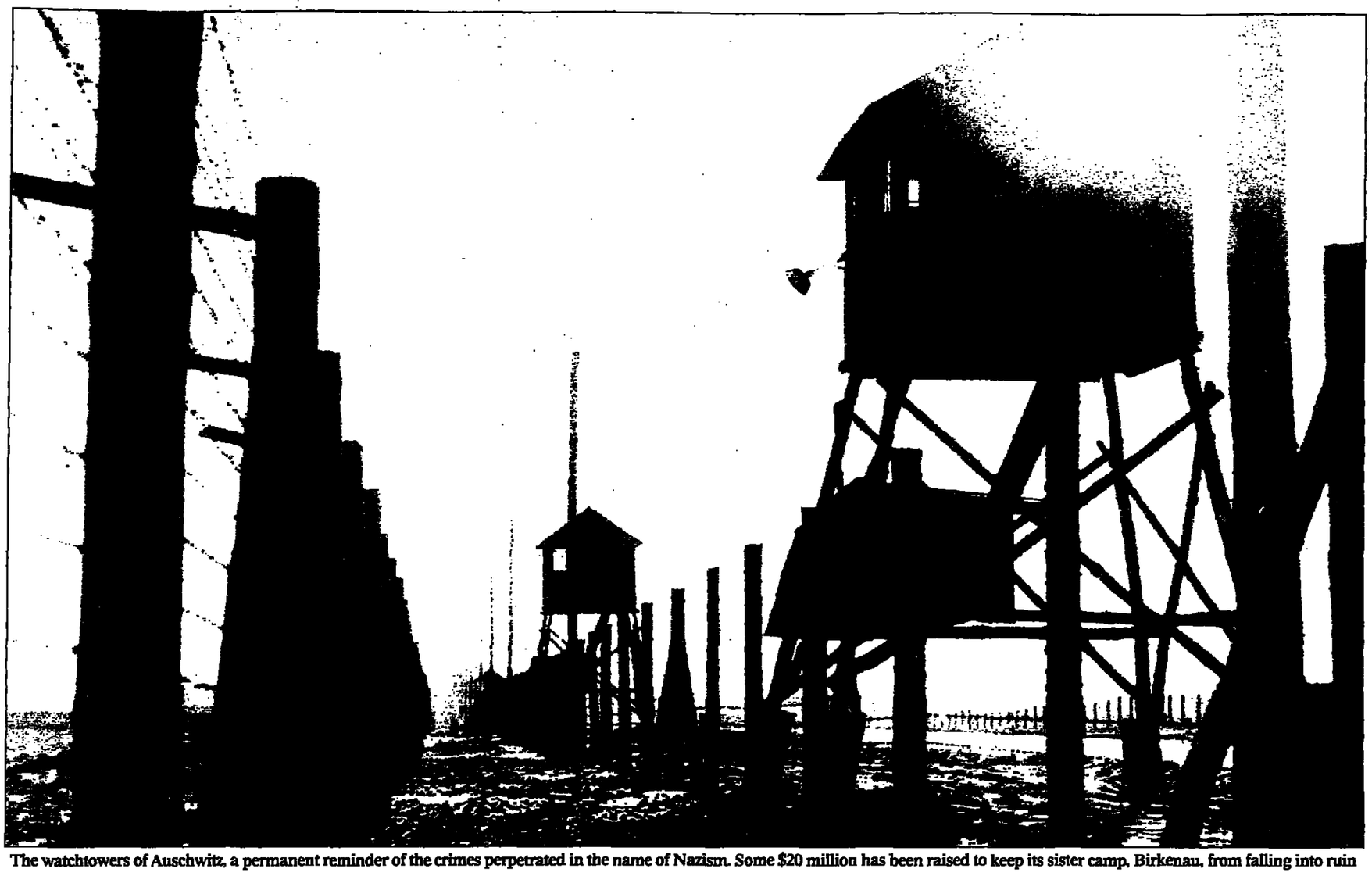
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In memory of the dead: 'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it'

Why Auschwitz must be saved

Roger Boyes on the significance of a $20m project to restore a Nazi camp, after 50 years of neglect



The watchtowers of Auschwitz, a permanent reminder of the crimes perpetrated in the name of Nazism. Some $20 million has been raised to keep its sister camp, Birkenau, from falling into ruin

Striding across the bleak buckled terrain of Birkenau — named after the birch trees that still bend to the winds of southern Poland — it is easy to crush something underfoot. On my last trip to the concentration camp, known as Auschwitz II, it was a set of blackened cutlery that cracked like a brittle collarbone.

Unlike the main Auschwitz camp, which has been carefully shaped into a museum, Birkenau has been left untouched. The wooden huts are splintering, the roofs leak and in a strong gale the buildings simply collapse. The bunk beds of the inmates are etched with graffiti — Jean Loves Gary — but no signs point to the gas chambers, the crematoria, or to the rail ramp where the SS doctors chose those fit to work and those destined to die.

Only a few survivors of the camps will be alive in ten or 15 years. All that will remain will be these fragile blocks and the artefacts — the pile of suitcases, the artificial limbs, the spectacles, the children's shoes and, most poignant of all, the 7,000 kilos of human hair. The hair is important, perhaps most important of all, for it is the last physical trace of those who died in the Holocaust: long black tresses that must have been intricately plaited in the crowded cattle trucks as they rattled through Europe to Oświecim, the Polish name for Auschwitz. Brown, chestnut, even Nordic blonde hair, all finely dusted with insect repellant.

Ron Lauder, a son of the cosmetics millionaire Estée Lauder, is the moving force behind the rescue of the Auschwitz camp. "When you look at the suitcases and the eye glasses", he says, "they're inanimate but with hair you feel something very powerful and intimate." Mr Lauder, now chief executive of the Central European Development Corporation, first visited the camp in 1987 and was so shocked by its condition that he decided to start the international appeal.

The Polish government had made a decision after the war: to make the first Auschwitz camp, with its sturdy redbrick barracks into a museum against fascism, and to leave nearby Auschwitz-Birkenau as it stood. As a result, there has been only enough money for a small staff at the camp to keep it clean. The damp, the cold and the rapid shift of temperature on the boggy banks of the River Sola have taken their toll.

Mr Lauder's achievement has been remarkable. In four years he has raised $20 million from 20 nations to keep the camp from falling down. Some small countries — such as Belgium and Greece — contributed immediately while others waited for Germany to make its offering. After repeated prodding and some considerable diplomacy (Mr Lauder learnt to walk on egg shells when he was American ambassador to Austria during the presidency of Kurt Waldheim) the German government contributed DM10 million and pledged a further ten million. German industrialists have also been chipping in. The British government has, however, expressed little interest.

The deterioration had to be stopped quickly, Mr Lauder says, "because in another five to ten years it would have been too late. That was our first goal. Secondly we wanted to keep the state of the camp in a stable condition."

The rescue operation is under way and conservationists in America, Poland and Israel are considering such matters as whether the hair should be on permanent display, and whether the railway line in Birkenau, just restored, should have been left in its ruined state. Where is the dividing line between "stabilisation" and "re-creation"? This is not merely an academic debate. It touches the very pulse of contemporary politics: revisionist historians say, for example, that the gas chamber in Auschwitz is a fake and use this to prop up their argument that Nazis did not systematically murder the Jews. Dr Jerzy Wroblewski, director of the Auschwitz museum, freely admits that the gas chamber in the main camp is a re-creation; the original was destroyed by the Russians when they liberated the camp. Every restored ruin involves some compromise and this was a necessary one, he says.

At stake is the nature of memory. United Germany, as the American cultural historian Claudia Koonz says, is trying to rebuild its history: "The Germans feel empowered and they're coming out from under the guilt. They've become a normal nation and now they want a normal history which focuses on national suffering and not on shame." There is a general feeling that Germany should be allowed to mourn its war dead. The far right, however, takes this a step further, celebrating wartime murderers, playing down their atrocities and trampling on the memory of the victims.

The German government tries to draw a line between its version of history and that of the Holocaust-deniers. But for young Germans, especially in the East, that line is already blurred. Two young neo-Nazis who were accused last year of setting fire to the Jewish quarters in Sachsenhausen camp claimed that they were drunk and did not understand the significance of the arson. Later, when they realised that the evidence against them was not compelling, they withdrew their confessions and were released. That was greeted by a roar of celebration in neo-Nazi pubs.

> Gentrification of the camps has become an obstacle to understanding

The East German history books were very patchy in their description of the Holocaust. The result has been that Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen were officially represented as places of martyrdom for Soviet prisoners or German communists, and, unofficially, they were contemptuously dismissed by the locals as yet another pretext for Soviet propaganda.

It took three years after German unification for historians to agree to lay even a modest stone tablet commemorating the 11,000 murdered Jews in Buchenwald. When the Japanese emperor visited nearby Weimar in September, it was decided that Buchenwald should not be included on his tour. Instead, he spent his time admiring Goethe's study. "You cannot separate light and shadow in this place," pleaded the local Christian Democrat politician Christine Lieberknecht before the visit. But, of course, you can; shadows can be overlooked, indeed shadows can be sold. How else to explain the two-year discussion about whether to build a supermarket close to Ravensbrück concentration camp? Or the architectural competition to redevelop the Sachsenhausen site — the local council was keen to integrate the SS barracks into a new housing estate. Another scheme was to redevelop the camp guardhouse into a health and beauty centre.

The tendency to regard these camps as pieces of real estate will probably get worse. In the West there was no shortage of funds for the upkeep of camps. Yet the gentrification of Dachau (or Mauthausen, in Austria, with its pretty tubs of flowers) has become an obstacle to understanding. In Belsen there are merely huge slabs of stone noting the number of the dead. The horror of the bulldozed corpses has been replaced by a kind of sterile park. All too often the German teachers taking their pupils to the camp as part of the school curriculum fail to spark the imagination.

"Take children to the camps, and they have a ball," Dr Koonz says. "They climb on monuments, squeeze into the crematoria to stick out their heads and pose for pictures." It takes an imaginative leap for the new young Germans to identify with the victims of their grandfathers' crimes. If they fail to make that connection, they can all too easily be attracted by the insignia of the once-powerful: the swastikas and the jack boots.

The words of the philosopher Santayana — those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it— are written on top of Block IV in the main Auschwitz camp. It is too harsh a judgment on the Germans to suggest that the dark times are returning.

New memory cells are being born in the most unlikely places. Some 15-year-olds in the German town of Gütersloh recently found a neglected grave written in Hebrew. They translated the text and the family name, visited the library, tracked down relatives and wrote to them in Israel, inviting them to visit the school. When the children wanted to erect a plaque to the family, they were stopped by their elders. Local Germans had died in the war too, they were told, and those Germans had not been commemorated. Why should the Jews be so honoured?

That is why the rescue of Auschwitz has become so significant. Its horror is intact, the context is all too obvious. The history of the victims cannot be banished from the place; rather it hangs on by a hank of hair.

A Victorian in tune with today's rap music

Ben Macintyre on America's fierce founding father of black civil rights

The leading black American intellectual of his age, W. E. B. Du Bois died in exile in Ghana in 1963, branded a communist, blacklisted in his own country, stripped of his passport and heartily loathed by academia.

Thirty years later, with the civil rights movement he helped to build now an integral part of the culture, Du Bois has re-emerged as a pivotal figure in American history, a symbol of "icy and isolated racial integrity" in the words of one historian.

During his long life Du Bois became, according to his new biographer, David Levering Lewis, the "civil rights role model to an entire race". But in the crucial years of the civil rights movement he slipped into semi-obscurity, an essentially Victorian thinker eclipsed by the young Martin Luther King and Malcolm X.

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois (pronounced Dewboys, to rhyme with poise), scholarly, refined and elitist, might seem an unlikely founding-father for a movement which pitted the usually illiterate sons and daughters of slaves against the white establishment.

Born into the aftermath of civil war, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, (a town of 4,000 whites and some 30 blacks), Du Bois described his own racial mixture as "a flood of Negro blood, a strain of French, a bit of Dutch, but thank God! no Anglo-Saxon." As a young man, ambitious and fiercely intelligent, he set himself a simple and revolutionary task: "To prove to the world that Negroes were just like other people."

But Du Bois himself was unlike almost any other black man of the time. Aided by the cash donations from the citizens of Great Barrington, he went first to Fisk University in Nashville before becoming the seventh black man to go to Harvard and the first to gain a PhD from that venerable institution, which he found "saturated with snobbery".

After gaining another doctorate, at the University of Berlin, he began his classic series of sociological studies of black life starting with *The Philadelphia Negro* (1899) and amounting, in the end, to 21 volumes and innumerable essays. *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903) became a best-seller, described by Mr Lewis as "an epochal event ... like fireworks going off in a cemetery".



Du Bois: died an exile in Ghana

Du Bois was a passionate writer, combining an almost religious faith in the potential of his own race with a coruscating prose style. He opposed, with equal vigour racism, sexism and anti-Semitism, and he imbued his work with an Afrocentric romanticism more reminiscent of our own age than his. As the author of five novels and an accomplished poet, his polemics were often lyrical and moving.

In 1898 he wrote: "It is a peculiar sensation, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others. One ever feels his two-ness — an American, a negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder." They may express it rather differently, but many a modern rap musician would recognise and echo those sentiments.

In 1910 Du Bois co-founded the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), still the most powerful civil rights group in America, but it was probably his explosive relationship with Booker T. Washington, the other towering black figure of the era, that most clearly defined his philosophy.

Washington urged self-improvement for the black man through labour and economic betterment, "the politics of compromise and the mien of ingratiation". He was not above making "darky" quips to please his white audiences.

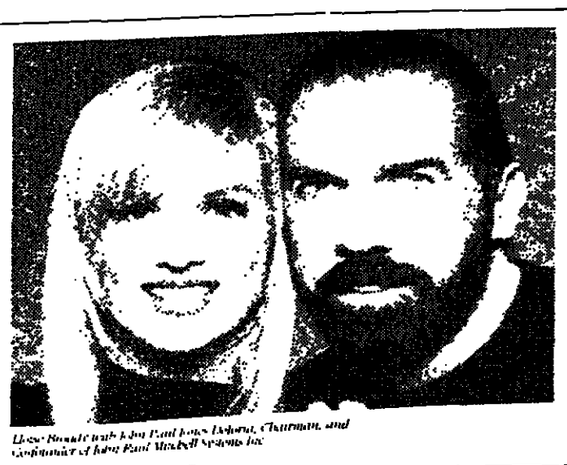
But Du Bois, the fizzing autocrat with the goatee beard, and the taste for German wines and foreign cigarettes, was made of more inflexible stuff, demanding that the "talented tenth" of the black population deserved precisely the same sort of education as talented whites.

Appalled by lynchings and shattered by the death of his two-year-old son from diphtheria, Du Bois turned from academic life towards racially radical journalism. He called on the Negro (his chosen word) to "demand his social rights: his rights to be treated as a gentleman when he acts like one, to marry any sane, grown person who wants to marry him."

If that view sounds commonplace now, it was radical then, and often attacked. Increasingly disillusioned, as he grew older his calls for change became more anxious and fervent. He turned to communism. His later portraits resemble nothing so much as a black Lenin. He died aged 95, the day before Martin Luther King marched on Washington to deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech.

At the beginning of the century Du Bois had warned America: "The problem of the 20th century is the problem of the colour line." *His* dream was pessimistic but prescient.

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■ Icy roads? Snow drifts? No, the real menace is the designer tank

I knew the noise, last midnight. Who that lives on T-junctions does not? First there is the rasping slew of braking tyres, then the clunk of mutually indenting coachwork, next the poignant clatter of a hubcap rolling wonkily away, and, finally, after a bit, the oaths and squeals of recriminative rage. So I threw on a coat against the falling snow, quickly checked in the cloakroom mirror that no smugness betrayed my solicitude, always a risk, and popped outside.

An enormous Toyota Landcruiser, which had been belting incautiously in one direction, had collided with a huge Chrysler Jeep-Wrangler which had been belting incautiously in the other. You could tell they had been belting incautiously by the fact that the anti-freeze from both fractured radiators was now commingling to produce hissing green channels in the frozen slush, which does not happen to cars that have been driven sensibly. So, then, do I blame the drivers? To an extent. But what I blame mainly is the cars.

I blame them for not being cars at all. What they are, and what they are inordinately proud of being, is off-road para-military vehicles, and there are more and more of them about, but they are not driven by off-road para-military people. They are driven by ordinary folk who are not entirely averse to letting it be thought that they might be off-road para-military people. They drive Range Rovers, but they do not rove ranges in them. They rove suburbia, praying to find a parking space large enough to accommodate their unnecessary bulk. They drive Vauxhall Fronteras, but they do not boldly go in them where none has gone before, they go to Waitrose and Bejam and Sainsbury's. They drive Isuzu Troopers, but not towards the sound of the guns, only towards the sound of prep-school rotas shrieking on metropolitan pavements. They drive Nissan Patrols, but not into No Man's Land, only into everyman's clogged side streets designed for something considerably less wide. They drive Ford Mavericks, but not to herd steers or pay out barbed wire, merely in order to drop the old man off at the railway station.

They do not need four-wheel drive, or 12 gears, or cross-country tyres, or cow-catchers, or banks of quartz halogen searchlights, or tow-bars, or clamps for shovels, theodolites, jerrycans, rocket-launchers. All they need is to convey the impression that they do: that when the long, dull week of advocacy or executive marketing or gynaecology or whatever is over, they are off across uncharted and inimical terrain to plough and stalk and brand and abseil, and that their holidays are spent not in some chic Riviera hotel or staff-crammed Tuscan villa, but in negotiating the virgin depths of the Matto Grosso or mercy-dashing through Serbian shot and shell.

Fine. Save for a little selfish gas-guzzling and the occasional side-swipe in a narrow road, they do no harm to anyone. But then it snows; and when it snows these folk suddenly find themselves in a position both to vindicate and to amortise their preposterous purchase. It is the only chance they get, and they grasp it gleefully. They do not chuck a fresh log on the fire and curl up, they dash out into the muck, for no other reason than that it is there; because a need for the unnecessary has created itself. Last weekend, forced to drive to Ware on glazed and fogbound roads, I found the world to be exclusively theirs. They hurtled maniacally past me, to left and right, as if to cry, "See? See? Look at my chunky tyres, look at my big lights, eat my wake, who is the dingbat now?". And when I pulled into a layby to wait for the snow, perhaps, to stop, a Land-Rover Discovery ploughed into the drift behind me, and the driver leapt out excitedly and asked if I was stuck, he had a rope, he had a power-winch, he could tow anything out of anywhere, and when I said thanks but I'm not, I could see at once that I had unmade his day. If you have a car like that, you want to show that it is a car like that. That is why I blame cars like that for last night's shunt.

After which they came in and phoned first for the AA, then for a cab, and when the cab arrived, I apologised to its driver for the fact that my road was icy. "No problem," he said. I couldn't look at them when he said it. My heart bled.



Sir Humphrey has a place

The first-class brains of a senior civil servant
Are sweetbreads on the road today.

For all our loathing of the Whitehall bureaucrats, we rely upon their advice and experience to make things work

Simon Jenkins

John Betjeman's hated mandarin ended his life impaled on the steering column of his Humber "where the bypass comes out of Egham into Staines". John Major's mandarin is about to suffer a similar fate on the spike of open competition. The Downing Street efficiency unit yesterday recommended that senior posts — under-secretary and above — should in future be open to all-comers. The Whitehall closed shop is to end.

This is heady stuff. Civil servants are to be "held accountable" for policy failures. Those who cannot perform will be sacked. The days of "cloistered worlds and magic paths to the top" are over. Ministries will be "ventilated from outside", market-tested, no longer free to "grow their own timber". They will be open to all the talents, notably those with "frontline experience in commerce and industry". Civil servants cannot have tenure for life. A minister will enjoy producer choice. If he does not like an official, he can sack him.

What does this blizzard of clichés signify? A decade of abuse of public administration has reached a crescendo. Antagonism to bureaucracy is universal. If Sir Humphrey is for the chop, a whole nation will apparently cheer his path to the guillotine. Were Voltaire alive today — bless the thought — he would rephrase his famous epigram that in Britain from time to time they kill, not an admiral, but an administrator to encourage the others.

Cursing bureaucrats has become a national sport. They are pests. The Welsh secretary accuses the health secretary of breeding them by the thousand. At the Tory conference, the word Brussels required only the suffix bureaucrat for the audience to erupt in a paroxysm of hate. The BBC is so propped up by bureaucrats that its boss, John Birt, must worry that his building will collapse without them. The police is "overbureaucratised", so is the Foreign Office, so is the defence ministry, so are the universities.

The vermin come in all shapes and sizes. There are marker bureaucrats, second-guessing bureaucrats, market-testing bureaucrats and bureaucrats with "nothing to do but meddle". There are health and safety bureaucrats, VAT bureaucrats, hospital bureaucrats. John Patten is creating a complete industry to run the nation's schools, composed entirely of bureaucrats. John Gummer is doing the same with his new regional seats of government. The creatures swarm out of Whitehall to infest every home and small business in the land. Shakespeare's revolutionary, Dick the Butcher, cried, "First thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." Today he would kill all the pen-pushers.

Political machismo is now shown by a promise to "cut tiers of bureaucracy". There is no known case of this promise being met: few ministers have the guts. Cutting services is easier. I would bet that when Mr Major leaves office there will be more public administrators, properly defined, in Britain than when he entered it. Administration is a growth industry in every developed country. The public wants ever more services. Parliament forces government ever deeper into the lives of private citizens, supervising their pleasures, criminalising their dogs and now their first husbands. It will take twice as many bureaucrats to oversee the "privatised" British Rail as it took to oversee it when nationalised.

So, instead of cutting public administration, Mr Major is being told that its practitioners are not doing a distinctive job. A professional bluff is being called. A civil servant is not a surgeon or an engineer or a lawyer, applying a skill acquired over years of training and practice. Any able-bodied adult with some experience of management can dust a Whitehall seat.

The case for the prosecution is thus made easy: modern government must become more responsive to its "consumers", in whatever guise they come. That is what a private service also does. So make the one more like the other. But at present a bureaucrat can do only addition and multiplication, not division and subtraction. Closed shops have lead to closed minds. Margaret Thatcher once told a group of public sector managers, "Of course if any of you were any good you would be off in private industry." Then they would have really to perform. If only, she implied, the government could instil similar incentives in its own employees.

The case for the defence is more complicated. Ministers clearly believe that the civil service is not doing a good job. Yet the faults laid at Whitehall's door are mostly those of ministers. The poor quality of many parliamentary laws and Whitehall decisions has lately been attracting comment: the pit closure fiasco, defence cuts, the local finance acts, the education act, the scrappy legislation on rail privatisation, criminal evidence, television franchises and dog control. But scratch the surface of these incidents and the culprit is almost always an overbearing minister, frantic to make his mark by cutting corners. Ministers may be suspicious of civil servants who think they know best. They rarely do better alone.

Important distinctions are not being drawn. In the first place, public and private sectors are inherently different: the one is about making profit, the other is mostly about the fair redistribution of taxpayer's money. What public and privatised services have in common at present is upheaval. All change spawns paperwork and that means staff: the hated accountants, lawyers, consultants or office managers. But few can doubt that the BBC and the National Health Service, for instance, will end their present upheavals the stronger. Market testing and transfer pricing may be crude methods of attaching costs to objectives in public services. Their costs need watching. But they are better than political smash-and-grab.

In both sectors, management skills are hard to describe and harder still to detect in those who have never practised them. Management fulfils Cocteau's maxim, "Never ask 'is he any good'; just open the door and silently point to the tightrope." As most of British government is hived off into myriad managed services, it clearly needs leadership that can take, not obstruct, decisions, that can hire and fire instead of "consulting the unions". That is the point of privatisation and delegation. Boosting rather than deriding the morale of such managers is surely important.

But the more management skill is applied to job centres, defence bases, motorway construction, prison administration, the less relevance it has for the most senior ranks in Whitehall. Their job is to advise ministers on forming and implementing policy. They are translators of the language of politics into the language of government. By all means let them experience what it means to be government's victims, but the "outside world" offers few lessons in the Whitehall art of converting the half-baked egotism of ministers into something that passes for a decision. The skills and incentives that make for success in business are quite distinct from those that make for success in this work. Senior Whitehall officials mostly make bad managers: theirs is the deferential steer, not the unequivocal lead.

The British civil service may have faults but it is not conspicuously worse than, say, America's open patronage system. Nor is it any worse than the arthritic corporatism of many continental systems. The quality of British public administration lies in the tension between its temporary and its permanent components: between the aspirations of politicians and fiscal probity, between a "good idea" and what is practical. This tension only works if there are able people on both sides. When, as over the poll tax, the tension snaps and a shambles ensues, everybody suffers.

By all means privatise government services, hive regulators off into commissions and turn embassies into agencies. There are jobs here aplenty for Mr Major's open competition. But at the heart of public administration is a profession discreet from "business" or "management", that of giving impartial advice based on sound experience. Such a profession need not be a closed shop, but it must have some of the characteristics of a profession: codes, loyalties, independence, possibly smugness. It cannot be susceptible to party influence, performance measures or short-term contracts. It must have the freedom to disagree, to be wrong. This means job security beyond the term of any one government.

The first-class brains of the senior civil servant still have their uses — before we spread them out on the Staines bypass.

Ireland needs this initiative

Talking peace is not a betrayal, argues George Brock

Lord Tebbit has every reason to loathe the IRA: his wife was paralysed by the Brighton bomb of 1984 and he was lucky to escape serious injury. But feelings are not a policy.

Lord Tebbit would like John Major to stop talking peace in Ireland on the grounds that even to use such language puts the union of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at risk. By criticising the prime minister's claims that conditions favour peace as never before, Lord Tebbit implies that the government should content itself with a seductively simple Irish policy: no politics and no diplomacy. Lord Tebbit belongs to the school of Tory thought which believes that all attempts made by governments to fashion intricate solutions themselves contribute to the fear and uncertainty which breed terrorism.

This is escapism masquerading as firmness. Governments facing sustained terrorist campaigns rightly treat violence as crime. But the crimes create political facts with which governments must deal, if they can. Reluctant though politicians are to admit it, many of Northern Ireland's headline-making horrors are beyond government control. Security forces have contained but not eliminated terrorism. Containing it involves taking account of the views of governments in Ireland, the rest of Europe and America. To cut off the supplies of money, arms and succour is impossible without help beyond British borders.

The IRA hunger strikes in the early 1980s established Sinn Fein as a political force. When the IRA murdered 11 people on Remembrance Sunday in Enniskillen just over six years ago, around 15,000 people in and around the town voted for Sinn Fein, the public relations organisation representing the killers. That may be unwelcome, but it is an unavoidable fact.

To his credit, Mr Major has not dodged it. In his Mansion House speech two weeks ago, he spelt out an obvious truth. If the IRA were to demonstrate beyond doubt that it had stopped killing people, Sinn Fein could enter normal political life. If this ever happened — and merely to describe this revolution is to sense what a distant prospect it is — many politicians would find such intimacy with men and women so contaminated by past murder unpleasant. But democracy cannot always protect finer feelings. If the IRA did put down its weapons, no government could find a shred of justification for excluding a law-abiding Sinn Fein from mainstream politics, however distasteful the reality.

But political domestication is not what Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein have in mind when they talk peace with John Hume of the SDLP, or when they accuse the British government of "trying to keep the lid on an erupting peace". They have in mind a negotiating process which offers the IRA some reward for its long years in the shadows. They have in mind a gesture from London which makes clear that the connection between Britain and Northern Ireland is on the way to being broken. A Sinn Fein with nothing to show for its grisly conservatism but disfigured ghettos and broken lives will collect few votes. Its candidates do not flourish in the Republic.

Does John Major intend to persuade the IRA to lay down its arms by offering an inducement that weakens the union? He has given no sign of this. But if he is to speak a language that can be understood throughout Ireland, he must talk peace. Sympathy and yearning for any moves towards peace — no matter how nebulous their foundations — runs deep and strong in the Republic. The Dublin government burnt its fingers when its ministers seemed to sideline the Hume-Adams peace talks too brusquely.

Mr Major's performance on Northern Ireland should be judged not by what he says but by what he does. Lord Tebbit would like a policy which offers no new hope. Ireland already has enough politicians offering nothing.

Set principle aside?

LORD MELCHETT, the distinctly green-blooded Labour peer, is keeping an uncharacteristically low profile over his latest agricultural initiative. Not surprising really, given that the latest gossip among the East Anglian farming mafia is that the executive director of Greenpeace has abandoned organic farming on his Norfolk estate.

Together with other parts of his 750-acre estate, the organic acreage is to be entered into the controversial set-aside scheme, under which farmers are paid substantial sums of money for growing nothing.

While the environmental benefits of fallowing land are arguable, the organic lobby is most unhappy with Melchett's move, particularly as Greenpeace campaigns for 20 per cent of British farms to be organic.

Bill Starling, deputy chairman of the Organic Growers' Association, discovered Melchett's plans when compiling a dossier of farmers reverting to conventional methods because of lack of government help. "I am very disappointed," says Starling.

Melchett is "not talking" about his switch in farming policy, according to a Greenpeace spokeswoman. "He is up to his neck in dealing with Greenpeace issues."

But the old Etonian peer seem determined to make it honours-even on the own-goal front. One of his recent acts at Greenpeace has been to launch two prosecutions against ICI — the company founded by his great-grandfather, Alfred Mond.

● *O what a tangled tartan we weave. The Gordon Highlanders and the Queen's Own Highlanders, both threatened with amalgamation under MoD plans to cut defence spending, have just had some unexpected news. The MoD has placed a £150,000 order for 1,000 new kilts, 189 of which are destined for the two doomed regiments. The MoD, apparently, wants to keep the two infantry regiments up to parade ground standard until they are merged next year. Douglas Robson, of the Save the Gordons campaign, finds it "odd, but heartening".*

DIARY

Toy time

SO MUCH for political correctness. Golliwogs are in tremendous demand, despite the way they have suffered at the hands of Greenwich Council, which has branded them "racist toys".

The council has caused a storm of protest by refusing to renew the registration certificate of childminder Deena Newton because she has an ancient gollie in her toy collection. But the publicity has backfired on Greenwich's so-called loony left — for one of the few remaining manufacturers is experiencing a run.



"We make about 100 different items and now that people are seeing and being reminded about the gollies, they are the biggest attraction," says Marlene Jeffs of Sweeney Soft Toys in Cornwall. "The publicity is bringing in the customers."

You saw it there

WHAT would Fleet Street do without the *Grimsby Evening Telegraph*? Yesterday its reporter Clare Henderson was awarded Scoop of the Year by the London Press Club for her May front-page exclusive of Irene Lamont telling the world how her son had just resigned his job as Chancellor.

But while Henderson and her editor Peter Moore were enjoying the plaudits in London, back in Grimsby another exclusive was running in the lunchtime editions: Graham Taylor's resignation.

Once again the scoop showed the importance of the family network. According to Patrick Otter, assistant editor of the *Telegraph*, news of the England football manager's resignation, came from a "member of Graham Taylor's family, who used to work for this company. His identity is a closely guarded secret as he rather seems to have forced Taylor's hand. We're looking forward to going to London next year to collect an award for this one too."

Watch this space

AS IF Ann Clwyd parking her car in a spot reserved for the Speaker was not bad enough, her front-bench colleague, Harriet Harman, has fallen foul of the Westminster parking authorities. On Monday, she was caught parking in a spot usually reserved for House of Lords staff.

"So this is the new caring Labour party?" said a frustrated parker from the Lords.

Harman is defensive. "These are not spaces reserved for the Lords. They're reserved for MPs with special permits. When my office was there I used to park there. I didn't realise you needed special permits to park there now. If any impropriety is alleged, writs will come flying." A second later, Harman was on the telephone again. "There was no row, I promise. And I've now applied for a permit."

Next in the Kew

THE great-granddaughter of Camille Pissarro is to follow in the famous impressionist's brushstrokes — literally. Pissarro's wine bar, next door to London's Kew Gardens, is to commission her to paint a new version of *Fête á Kew*, Pissarro's peaceful rendition of Kew Green on a bank holiday in the summer of 1892.

Lélia Pissarro is the fourth generation of the family to paint. "I was brought up for nine years by Camille's youngest son Paulémile and I didn't think of anything other than painting," she says. "But this is a fantastic idea if they like my pictures enough."

They do, says the wine bar's Penny Carvosso. "We would have taken one from her four-year-old daughter," she says. "Anything for a genuine Pissarro that we can afford."

● *Among the 23,637 breakdowns attended by the AA in a frosty 24 hours was a market trader in Derby with a frozen engine and suspected cracked block due to lack of anti-freeze. And his freight? The van was loaded down with cans of anti-freeze.*

Batty casting

NIGEL PLANER, still perhaps best known for playing Neil, the long-haired hippy in the television series *The Young Ones*, is branching out. From next month, Planer (*above right*) is to appear in the ENO's production of Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*.

The bad news for those who



bought Neil's fine rendition of "Hole in My Shoe", is that Planer will not be singing. He says: "I play the drunken jailer Frosch. I come on at the top of the third act and have a little chat with the audience. Traditionally the role is done by a stand-up comedian — Frankie Howerd did it about 13 years ago. I think they thought I was suitable because I have done both straight acting and stand-up." But "Hole in My Shoe" probably swung it.

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TOO LITTLE TOO SOON

Yesterday's rate cut was a bad augury for the Budget

In the six months since Kenneth Clarke became Chancellor, his views on economic policy have been mysterious and shrouded. There have been bold promises to champion the cause of industry, brave briefings about bringing common sense to Treasury and Bank of England, but no action, nor even the hint of action, until yesterday morning, when he suddenly delivered a totally unexpected half point cut in interest rates.

It would be good to be able praise this move. The case for lower interest rates has been clear, and vigorously argued here, ever since the danger of a severe recession became apparent in 1990. In truth, however, this action has all the appearance of being misjudged: in its magnitude, its timing, and its political implications.

The size of the rate cut was inadequate, as the financial markets confirmed by immediately forecasting another reduction, perhaps as early as next month. Britain needed lower interest rates yesterday morning and it needs them today. Despite the recent smatterings of good news on trade and unemployment, the British economy shows no sign of accelerating from the 2 per cent growth rate which was established after sterling left the ERM. The housing market has stalled, investment is static, consumer confidence is lower now than it was last winter, and there is little hope on present trends of reducing the public sector borrowing requirement to a tolerable level through economic growth. Interest rates should have been cut by a full point.

The timing of the rate cut was wrong because it spread unnecessary confusion not only about the Chancellor's Budget plans, but, much more seriously, about his entire approach to economic policy. Instead of trying to present the change in interest rates as one component in a carefully balanced package of monetary and fiscal measures, Mr Clarke seemed to be moving, perhaps unconsciously, back to the Treasury orthodoxy of the ERM period — that interest rates belong in one compartment of economic policy labelled "money and exchange-rates", while tax and public spending decisions are in another, competely unconnected compartment, called "Budget judgments". This was the thinking that helped to give Britain ERM membership and the £50 billion PSBR.

Finally, there was the political symbolism of yesterday's rate cut. The Treasury astonished the City yesterday by announcing that the "precise timing" of the rate cut was decided by the Bank of England, not the Chancellor. This hinted at a major victory for the Bank in its bureaucratic campaign to win more control over monetary policy, a campaign which the Chancellor publicly appeared to oppose only last week.

The argument that a change in interest rates in the Budget might have appeared "political" shows how much headway the Bank has already made in its campaign to take over monetary control. For if it is too "political" for the Chancellor to change interest rates on the day he presents his main annual review of economic policy to parliament, when would a government decision on monetary policy not be deemed "political" by the Bank?

Yesterday's rate cut seemed calculated to maximise confusion and minimise economic results. If, in addition, it turns out to be a portent of a very limited reduction in the public sector borrowing requirement in next week's Budget, Mr Clarke will have made a more serious blunder. If interest rates remain too high and public borrowing remains out of control after this Budget, Mr Clarke will have missed his best opportunity before the next general election to offset substantial reductions in public borrowing with big cuts in interest rates. The lethal combination of inadequate economic growth, dangerously large deficits and needlessly high interest rates will damage Britain's economy for years to come.

SEX ON LINE

Computer pornography must be more effectively restricted

In the early stages of its mass production, computer technology was assumed to be an entirely benign force in modern education. Schools and parents were encouraged to invest quickly in the hardware that would give their children a head start in the high-tech job market of the future. Now, however, the less palatable aspects of the computer revolution are becoming clear. Through their screens, for example, young computer users are gaining access to cheaply available pornography, much of which would be much too strong to be printed legally.

Pornographers have found it easy to exploit the growing network of terminals linked by telephone lines to send obscene material to terminals anywhere in the world. Up to 5,000 moving or still images can be stored on a compact disc and selected by any computer owner linked to one of an growing number of electronic "bulletin boards". Though some of the pictures on sale are as innocent as a seaside postcard, many include graphic representations of explicit sex, rape and sexual torture. Because users can manipulate the material on screen, paedophiles have even been able to superimpose children's faces on the images they are sent.

Healthy societies must assess the potential abuse of technological change as quickly as they embrace its benefits. It is to the government's credit that it now proposes to regulate this unpleasant trade in the forthcoming Criminal Justice Bill. The home affairs select committee has also launched an enquiry into the scope for controls, which will consider the experimental measures already being taken by police and schools. Both initiatives are welcome contributions to a much needed debate.

Regulating electronic material is notoriously difficult. The 1959 Obscene Publications Act, spawned by an age in which most pornography was produced on paper, has proved quite inadequate in the computer era. A limited proportion of obscene computer images are covered by the Children Act or the Video Recording Act; but since the 1959 law does not recognise pictures generated by silicon chip as "published", the vast majority of computer pornographers have evaded prosecution.

The government's legislative ambitions will be constrained by the fact that so much of this material is sent from other countries down international phone lines. Nonetheless, giving police new powers of search, seizure and arrest should help to restrict the growing domestic market. The advertising of mail order pornography in computer magazines should also be banned, and clear penalties introduced for those who profit from its supply. The imminent review of the 1959 act must be comprehensive, to take proper account of more than 30 years of technological innovation.

The successful regulation of the video cassette market in the last decade has shown that prompt action can be effective. But legislation must be matched by cultural change. Parents need to be aware of the impact that hectic technological development is having on the character of childhood. Only a Luddite would deny the benefits that the silicon chip has brought to the classroom and the home. Yet there is a risk that computers, if used unthinkingly, will draw a generation of children away from group activities and personal contact into lonely limbo. Information technology is already an integral part of leisure and education; the debate on its social implications is only beginning.

BAMBOOZLE SCIENCE

Scholar adventurers are usually in the entertainment business

Tim Severin's latest expedition was named after the Chinese navigator, Hsu Fu, who, it is said, was dispatched eastward in the 3rd century BC by his emperor in search of drugs to prolong life. Mr Severin's aim, modest by comparison with that of his predecessor, had been to prove that America was first colonised by a race of mariners who crossed the Pacific Ocean from China.

Today, after a six-month Pacific voyage, the intrepid mariner is instead explaining why he had to abandon his primitive bamboo raft in a storm within 1,000 miles of the American coast. If he is a disappointed man, let him not be downhearted for more than a minute. Success in his voyage would no more have proved the theory than the sinking of his raft disproves it. To suppose otherwise is to confuse adventure with science — almost as dangerous an error as the yearning for eternal youth.

The world needs both adventurers and scientists. Heinrich Schliemann excited public interest in the past by declaring he had gazed upon the face of Agamemnon. Less glamorous professional archaeologists are left to make sense of the wonderful shaft-graves he found at Mycenae. The Greek navy's experimental reconstruction of a fifth-century trireme which visited the Thames this summer was a stirring spectacle, raising the hairs on the nape of neck as it turned and charged at Westminster. It answers and raises interesting questions for scholars about ancient boat-building and naval tactics. But as a scientific witness to what went on at the Battle of Salamis, it is less reliable even than Herodotus.

From Herodotus to curious Sir John Mandeville, who actually claimed to have discovered Hsu Fu's fountain of youth, man has had an insatiable appetite for educational trips. The modern school of scholar adventurers was founded after the war by Thor Heyerdahl, who spent his life sailing the seven seas in replicas of primitive craft, irritating professional anthropologists but delighting the romantic public. Mr Severin has sailed in the wakes of such legendary travellers as St Brendan in a leather *curragh*, Sinbad of the Sea, Jason, Ulysses, Duke Godfrey de Bouillon (the hero of the First Crusade), and Genghis Khan. As archaeology, his voyages are a load of old rowlocks. As entertainment, they make him a living, and add to the gaiety of nations.

By a new method of studying DNA, American biochemists have just demonstrated scientifically what the bamboo raft set out to prove — that part of the DNA of living American Indians is the same as that of aboriginal peoples in Asia and the Polynesian and Melanesian islands. Science will always be a better provider of provisional truth. But there should be plenty of searoom left for the fun of romance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doubtful effects of sanctions on Iraq

From Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow (Labour)

Sir, Your leader of November 18, "Keep the sanctions: if the West holds its nerve, it can wear down Saddam", may be whistling in the wind.

When we were in Baghdad, Quorna in the Marshes, and Basra, in May 1993, George Galloway, MP, Tim Llewellyn, for 25 years Middle East correspondent of the BBC, Riad El-Taher, a fluent Arabic-speaking UK national, and I talked to over 50 Iraqi graduates of British universities, out of earshot. Overwhelmingly, whatever they thought in 1991, after two years of Western sanctions, they were behind the regime. Far from undermining Saddam Hussein, sanctions have solidified support for him.

And, if you witnessed, as we did, lines of desperately sick babies, suffering malnutrition-related disease, one or two of whom expired in our presence at the Saddam hospital in Baghdad and at the Um-Kasr hospital on the Kuwait border, for want of pharmaceuticals from traditional suppliers, you would understand why.

Is, to borrow the phrase from your leader, "increasing popular suffering" an effective instrument of policy? Or a moral one? Britain and the US should cease to manipulate the UN, and allow sanctions to be lifted forthwith.

Yours etc,
TAM DALYELL,
House of Commons.
November 18.

From the Ambassador of Kuwait

Sir, Your editorial shows a clear grasp of the nature of Saddam Hussein and his regime — as many Kuwaitis learned at the ultimate cost.

The recent incursions into our country, combined with Saddam's statement through his mouthpiece, *Al-Joumhouriya*, of November 17 that he still intends to "liberate Kuwait", give the lie to his somewhat feeble gestures to humanitarianism. The excuse given for the incursions is that Iraqi farmers are protesting against the loss of their land; the incursions contravene the decisions of the UN Iraq-Kuwait boundary demarcation commission, and Kuwait has offered to compensate those same farmers. Saddam and his regime do not even submit an excuse for their disgraceful treatment of their own people.

We are heartened by the statement in the Queen's Speech that Her Majesty's government "will work for full Iraqi compliance with Security Council resolutions". Such compliance is essential for the whole region.

At a time when there is great hope for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, the Iraqi regime represents the single most destabilising influence in the area.

Yours faithfully,
KHALED Al-DUWAISAN,
Embassy of the State of Kuwait,
46 Queen's Gate, SW7.

No Oxbridge mafia

From Dr Diego Gambetta

Sir, In his article entitled "The dons and Don Corleone" (Weekend, November 13) about my book, *The Sicilian Mafia: the business of private protection*, Andy Martin frivolously and gratuitiously misleads your readers.

My book draws no comparison between Oxbridge and Cosa Nostra. Martin seeks to establish links between *mafioso* dons and academic dons that are either extravagant (as if he were to compare ants and elephants) or generic (threats and ostracism can be found in *any* institution).

The differences are infinitely more dramatic than the similarities and cannot be reduced to a suggestion that in Oxbridge "protection is a by-product".

Martin also misrepresents a fact: the building contractor I interviewed was murdered not after a few days, as he implies, but after four years in a clearly unrelated incident.

Yours faithfully,
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November 15.

First foodie?

From Mr David Kemp

Sir, I was intrigued to note that in his critique on November 18 of *A May of Passion: The Life of Sir Walter Raleigh* by Stephen Coote, Dr Rowse comments:

Of course Raleigh did not conspire against him [James I], but he was involved in his friend Cobham's conspiracy, with the idea of spilling the beans to the king and so currying favour.

The thought of Sir Walter being the forerunner of Indian restaurants in England, rather than restricting himself merely to potatoes and tobacco, is rather engaging.

Yours faithfully,
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November 19.

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Police questioning and court justice

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir, The exclusion of Mr Heron's taped confession in the Nikki Allan murder trial (report, leading article and letter, November 23) should not be ascribed to any idiosyncracy of the well respected trial judge. When a man is arrested and questioned it is natural for interviewing officers to proceed on the assumption that he is guilty.

The presence of a defence solicitor is often of no protection to the person being questioned. Academic research (*Criminal Law Review*, March 1993, p161) has shown that solicitors in such circumstances often do not intervene to try to prevent bullying or oppressive questioning.

Less than a year ago the Court of Appeal, presided over by the Lord Chief Justice, quashed murder convictions in the case of *Paris and Others*. These were based upon a confession elicited by oppressive questioning of a man whose solicitor was present throughout but (in the words of the court) sat "passively through this travesty of an interview" [1993, vol 97, *Criminal Appeal Reports*, p104].

Such cases make the government's decision, stated in the Queen's Speech, effectively to abolish the right of silence (report, November 19) all the more regrettable.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT RHODES,
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November 23.

From Mr K. W. Lidstone

Sir, While I do not disagree with the views of Mr Edwards (letter, November 23), it is arguable that the conduct of the police in the Nikki Allan case was not oppressive within the meaning of that term in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, though the confession might have been correctly excluded under the heading of unreliability.

"Oppression" is partly defined by section 76(8) of the Act to include "torture, inhuman or degrading treatment and the use or threat of violence (whether or not amounting to torture)". In *R v Fulling* (1987) the Court of Appeal held that it should be given the ordinary dictionary definition and quoted the OED: "the exercise of authority or power in a burdensome, harsh or wrongful manner; unjust or cruel treatment of subjects, inferiors, etc . . ."

In deceiving the suspect in the Nikki Allan case and pressurising him the police might have induced an unreliable confession.

The Home Office and the police have made a start to ensure that interrogation is conducted fairly and effectively. The government can now play its part by clearing up confusion over what is or is not oppressive conduct.

The present test is flawed and oppression must be fully defined, but narrowly, so that confessions obtained by such conduct can justifiably be excluded, regardless of their truth. Greater emphasis must then be placed on their reliability.

Evidence which points to the truth of the confession is not admissible. It follows that a truthful confession can be excluded as unreliable. Where there is evidence which suggests that it might be unreliable because of the manner in which it was obtained the prosecution should be permitted to adduce evidence of the truth of the confession. This should include facts discovered.

This could provide the corroboration which many argue ought to be a requirement of the admissibility of a confession. Such a reform might have led to the same result in the Nikki Allan case and would be a welcome clarification of the law.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr C. J. G. White

Sir, The statement by a representative of the Law Society that police interviewers ought to have compulsory training (report, November 23, early editions) is not going to assist solicitors such as those in our local duty scheme who daily attend police cells and interview rooms to look after suspects. Some solicitors themselves could do with better training.

Before attending an interview duty solicitors should find out whether the only evidence likely to convict a client will be his own confession. They should then advise the client to remain silent.

For the solicitors' profession to use the Heron case as an excuse to mount a verbal assault on the police sounds somewhat out of place.

Yours sincerely,
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November 23.

From Ms Anne Molyneux

Sir, Mr Heron's acquittal has not, as you say (leading article, November 23), "made the law look an ass". This acquittal has shown that even the most unpopular of defendants in a case where public opinion demands a conviction has the chance of a fair trial. It is a triumph for justice.

It is his prosecution in the face of insufficient evidence, the questionable nature of his interrogation and the refusal of the world to acknowledge him as wronged which makes the law look an ass.

Yours faithfully,
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November 23.

Right to privacy

From Mr Ronald Butt

Sir, Lord Scarman's proposal (letter, November 17) that the solution to the present confusion over privacy should be to embody articles 8 and 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights in United Kingdom law would surely defeat his own object — which I take to be legal clarity and certainty.

The two sections he quotes as relevant show the point quite clearly. Both are no more than ringing generalisations. "Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence." But what precisely, for instance, would constitute "private life" of a public person (and who is to count as a public person) would still be open to question and could only be settled by the judges.

The same applies to his second quotation asserting the right of "freedom of expression". Who but the judges could reconcile this vague declaration with, *inter alia*, the existing law of libel?

The great merit of the English law is the precision that statute law can give to it, supplemented by the judges' common law power to interpret law in the light of precedent, and to determine what Parliament meant in a particular case when there is doubt. But the law-making of the elected Parliament is and should remain above that of the judges.

The objection to Lord Scarman's proposal in respect of privacy is the same as that to the more general campaign to enshrine a bill of rights in English law. Both would undermine the law-making supremacy of the elected Parliament (whose statutes can be and often are repealed) in favour of the say-so of unelected judges.

If there is to be legislation on privacy, let Parliament do it and make precision its purpose.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD BUTT,
22 Denewood Road, Highgate, N6.
November 17.

From Mr T. H. Richardson

Sir, With great respect to Lord Scarman, article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights is too narrow. It protects privacy only in a domestic context and fails to protect it in the commercial and professional fields. Furthermore, the right of free expression already exists at common law, subject only to the rights of others, as protected by the laws relating to defamation, so that legislation incorporating article 10 would seem to be unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,
T. H. RICHARDSON,
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Northallerton, North Yorkshire.
November 17.

School bus safety

From the Honorary Secretary, Medical Officers of Schools Association

Sir, This association represents school doctors in both the maintained and the independent education sectors and for several years has been campaigning to improve school-vehicle safety.

We have found a staunch parliamentary ally in Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, but regrettably, despite our efforts, the government, or more precisely the Department of Transport, has failed to acknowledge that there is a problem.

Amongst our many concerns are that seatbelts are not compulsory in school vehicles, that the vehicles themselves are not marked clearly enough, that there is no requirement for fire extinguishers or first-aid kits to be carried, and that often the driver, be it a minibus, coach or public service bus, is the only adult present.

Your leader on November 19, "Safer minibuses", deals cogently with the problems of the licensing of drivers and their competence to drive, and this association would agree wholeheartedly with your comments.

The tragedy on the M40 in the early hours of last Thursday morning (reports, later editions, November 18, November 19) shocked everyone but it is only one in a long line of accidents involving school vehicles; I can recall two other incidents in the last six months resulting in loss of life.

We acknowledge that any changes in the law will probably lead to increased costs for schools and voluntary organisations but the lives of many schoolchildren and young people are at risk if the present state of affairs is allowed to continue.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER HARRINGTON,
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November 21.

Backlash against 'politically correct'

From Mr John Argenti

Sir, You report (November 22) a campaign by a group of Conservative MPs to halt the wave of political correctness sweeping through British institutions.

One of the world's leading publishers has recently published my book on the governance of organisations. At one point in it I wished to imply that a certain management practice was outdated, so I deliberately used the old-fashioned word "foreman"; this was deleted by the editor and the word "foreperson" suggested. When I furiously re-deleted this, the editor selected the modern word "supervisor" — thus erasing my original nuance!

Elsewhere I wanted to say "unusually for rapacious Man, his organizations are generally benevolent" but the word "Man" was disallowed and the sentence became "unusually for rapacious society . . .", thus robbing the phrase of any meaning.

I used the time-honoured phrase "he who pays the piper calls the tune". Out! It has to be "the *person* who pays the piper . . .". I used the expression "helping old ladies across the road" to signify the traditional style of community policing: it was changed to "helping old people . . ." I wanted to use "businessman" to impart an Arthur Daley flavour to a sentence — it was changed to "executive", which conveys nothing of the sort. I was not allowed "widows", "temptress", "gentlemanly", "coachman's hat". My readers will be infuriated by the obsessive repetition, even in the same sentence, of his "*and hers*".

I have to say that I bitterly resent (a) the weeks of my time it took to negotiate over these absurdities, (b) the manner in which my book was hijacked as a vehicle for the childish feminism of the editors, and (c) that any publisher should, instead of upholding the richness and traditions of our language, so spinelessly surrender it up for castration.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ARGENTI,
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Woodbridge, Suffolk.
November 23.

From Mr Alan Chance

Sir, So a playgroup in Lewisham will not be celebrating Christmas (report, November 23). The politically correct guidelines talk of an "ideal" world, where many religions and cultures are given equal weight.

From a child's point of view, this would be far from ideal. The point about Christianity, and indeed most other religions, is that we are given clear guidance, a single set of rules, a single example to follow. Christianity gives us one God to worship, one Christ to follow. In the Christian year, we celebrate one life. There is one birth and one death. All this is easy for a child to understand from the age of about five, perhaps younger.

If, instead, we convene a working party of several gods and prophets, each with his or her own traditions and beliefs (some of them contradictory), children will be confused.

Surely it is better to reinforce the central role of Christianity (or another faith where appropriate) and teach tolerance of other beliefs as a central tenet of our various religions and of our society.

So the message to the playgroups is that there is no composite religion. Older children can and should study "comparative religion", but don't confuse the infants, don't deny them the simple certainties, don't deny them carols and nativity plays, throw the guidelines out of the window and encourage them all, as children of many faiths but citizens of a Christian country, to join in and have a Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN CHANCE,
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November 23.

From Mr Peter Browne

Sir, Any local councils which, in their anxiety to be politically correct, are debating whether to label public lavatories "Men" and "Wopersons" could take a tip from Chelsea. There, such knotty problems are neatly sidestepped by the notice: "This convenience is staffed by persons of either sex".

Yours sincerely,
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November 23.

From Mr Roy Dean

Sir, A "tonsorially challenged" Elton John (Diary, November 20)? Hardly; the pedantically correct meaning of the term is "short of a haircut", i.e, with long shaggy hair. *Capillarily* doesn't seem quite right. What about *crinally*?.

I suggest *thermally challenged* might describe the poor and elderly who will be deprived of adequate heating this winter when the government puts VAT on fuel.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend C. J. Meyrick

Sir, Damn "political correctness".

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN MEYRICK,
The Rectory, Park Road,
Tisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
November 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 23: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Rt Hon John Major MP had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, this afternoon gave a Luncheon and chaired a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, this evening gave a Reception for the Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, later attended a Dinner given by The Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship at the Carlton Club, London SW1.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

November 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon attended a meeting of the trustees.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Reception for Friends of the Award at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award special Projects Group, later attended the Magnificent Seven Dinner at the Hyatt Carlton Tower, Cadogan Place, London SW1.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

November 23: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Signals, today visited 210 Signal Squadron, 24 Airmobile Brigade Headquarters, Goojerat Barracks, Colchester, Essex.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Farms for City Children, this evening attended a Reception at the British Telecom Centre, 81 Newgate Street, London EC1.

The Princess Royal afterwards attended a Banquet celebrating the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Garrard as Crown Jewellers, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 23: Lieutenant-Colonel James Arkell today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry, upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 23: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, this evening chaired a meeting for members and sponsors followed by a Dinner.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, the Services Sound and Vision Corporation, today attended a Reception in celebration of the Fiftieth anniversary of the British Forces Broadcasting Service, at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, London SW3.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall, KG).

Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 23: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, East Africa Women's League (United Kingdom), was present this afternoon at the General Meeting which was held in Holy Trinity Church House, Brompton Road, London SW7.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, this afternoon held a Reception and Investiture of Knights and Dames of the Order of St John at St James's Palace, London SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 23: The Duke of Kent this morning visited the Research Centre for Surface Engineering and the Newland Science Park at the University of Hull and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell).

His Royal Highness, President, the Scout Association, this afternoon visited Raywell Park Scout Centre, Ripplington Road, Cottingham, North Humberside.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 23: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this evening attended a Reception to mark the 25th Anniversary of Anchor Housing Association in Clothworkers' Hall, Mincing Lane, London E.C.3.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr David Blakey, chief constable, West Mercia, 50; the Marquess of Blandford, 38; Mr Ian Botham, cricketer, 38; Mr Billy Connolly, comedian, 51; Judge Elisabeth Fisher, 49; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, 73; Lord John-Mackie, 84; Mr David Kossoff, actor and author, 74; General Sir Richard Lawson, 66; Mr E.A.M. MacAlpine, headmaster, Mill Hill School, 53; Mr Martin Miller, publisher and hotelier, 47; Sir Claus Moser, statistician, 71; Mr Charles Osborne, author, 66; Mr Alun Owen, actor and scriptwriter, 68; Miss Vivien Saunders, golfer, 47; Mr Paul Thorburn, rugby player, 31.

Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol for the ensuing year:
Master, P. Lucas; Senior Warden, J. Tidmarsh; Junior Warden: J. Avery; First Assistant, J. Harvey.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament and Mrs Ilkka Suominen. The Finnish Ambassador and Mrs Blomqvist attended. Among others present were:
Sir Peter Emery, MP, and Lady Emery, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, and Mrs Jopling, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, and Mrs Cormack, Viscount Craigavon, Mr Terry Davis, MP, and Mrs Davis, Lord and Lady Dormand of Easington, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, MP, and Mrs Duncan-Smith, Mr Nick Hawkins, MP, Mr Robert Maddock and Mrs Diane Maddock, MP, Mr Michael Morris, MP, Mr Gordon Prentice, MP, and Mrs Bridget Prentice, MP, Mr John Spellar, MP, Mr Jack Thompson, MP, and Mrs Thompson, the Rev Philip Chester, Mr and Mrs John Gillan, Mr Mark Lyall-Grant, Mr Max Michelsson and Mr and Mrs Nicolas Bevan.

Viscount Dunrossil
Viscount Dunrossil was the host at a dinner given by the Bermuda Society last night at the House of Lords. Sir John Swan, Premier of Bermuda and a patron of the society, was present.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Professor Geoffrey Chamberlain, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and Professor Jocelyn Chamberlain received the guests at the annual dinner of the College held on Friday, November 19. The Chief Guest, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord High Chancellor, replied on behalf of the guests. The other guests included:
Miss Margaret Brain, Professor Norman Browse, Dr Kenneth Calman, Sir William Doughty, Mrs Roslin Fraser, Miss Joan Greenwood, Dr Deirdre Hine, Lady Leigh, Dr Alexander Macara, Dr Diana McInnes, Dr Jeremy Metters, Dr Michael O'Brien, Sir George Pinker, Sir Gordon Robson, Dr Eileen Rubery, Professor Alastair Spence, Dr Nuala Sterling, Dr Bill Styles, Mr Michael Ward and Dr Graham Winyard.

Anglo-Netherlands Society
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Netherlands Society held last night at Trinity House. Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, president, and Lady Vanneck received the guests. The Ambassador of The Netherlands attended.

Anglo-Portuguese Society
The Portuguese Ambassador presided at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Portuguese Society held last night at the London Portman Hotel and received the guests with Mr Stanley Duncan, chairman of the executive committee, and Mrs Duncan. The guests of honour and speakers were Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and Dr Miguel Beleza, Governor of the Bank of Portugal.

Eton dinner

Lyttelton's
The Lyttelton Club dinner was held last night at Brooks's. Among those present were:
The Marquess of Allesbury, Lord Savile, Lord Colgrain, Lord Cornwallis, Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar and Colonel G P M Ramsay.

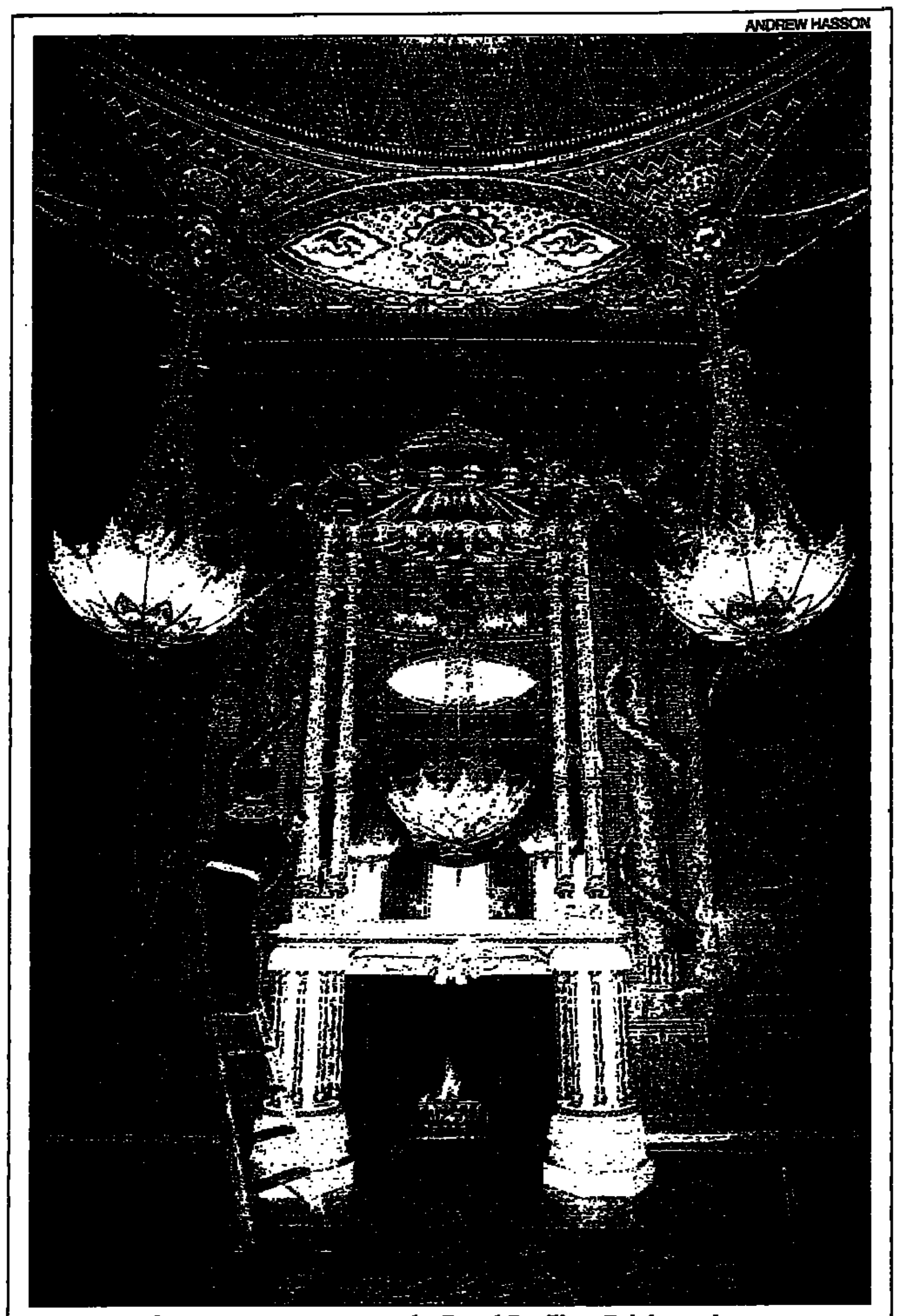
Service dinner

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Kerr were the hosts last night at a dinner held onboard HMS Victory in Portsmouth Naval Base.

University news

Professor Graeme Davies, Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, has been appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

ANDREW HASSON



Norman Stevens, a conservator at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, demonstrates the technique of gilding on the frame of a mirror in the Music Room. The mirror is a copy made in 1987. The original was liked so much by Queen Victoria that she had it removed and rebuilt in Buckingham Palace. The work of the conservation team will be on show at the Royal Pavilion until Friday

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philip Massinger, dramatist, Salisbury, baptised this day, 1583; Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, Amsterdam, 1632; Laurence Sterne, novelist, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, 1713; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1740; Thomas Dick, scientific writer, Hilltown, Dundee, 1774; Zachary Taylor, 12th American President 1849-50, Montebello, Gordonsville, Virginia, 1784; Grace Darling, heroine of the Forfarshire wreck, Bamborough, Northumberland, 1815; Frances Burnett, novelist and dramatist, Manchester, 1849; Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, painter, Albi, France, 1864; Herbert Sutcliffe, England and Yorkshire cricketer, Pudsey, Yorkshire, 1894.

DEATHS: John Knox, Protestant reformer, Edinburgh, 1572; Robert Henry, historian, Edinburgh, 1790; William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, 1848; Sir Henry Havelock, general, Lucknow, India, 1857; George Croly, clergyman and writer, London, 1860; Sir Hiram Maxim, pioneer of the machine gun, London, 1916; Robert Erskine Childers, Irish nationalist and writer, executed, Dublin, 1922; Georges Clemenceau, Premier of France 1917-20, Paris, 1929; Freddie Mercury, singer and songwriter, London, 1991.

Abel Tasman discovered Van Dieman's land, 1642, renamed Tasmania, 1853.

Concert

Mayoress of Kensington & Chelsea
The Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Mrs Desmond Harney, was host at a Concert at Leighton House on November 19, 1993, in support of her Charity, KIDS North Kensington Family Centre, where young musicians of the Royal College of Music gave their services.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mr Jan Eliasson, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs.

HM Government
Mr John Patten, Secretary of State for Education, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of the new President of the British Academy, Sir Keith Thomas.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr L.R. Wilson was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr David Birch, president, was in the chair. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agents General for Alberta and Quebec were among others present.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will lunch with the Dean and Chapter of Westminster in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, at 12.40.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk Competition panel of judges, will chair a meeting at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; and, as patron and trustee, will attend receptions at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00 for young people who have reached the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend the Trefoil Guild's golden jubilee reception at 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road at 3.30.

The Prince of Wales will attend an evening reception for members of the diplomatic corps at Buckingham Palace at 9.30. The Duke and Duchess of Kent will also attend.

Princess Margaret, as Colonel-in-Chief of QARANC, will attend a cocktail party at the Royal Hospital Chelsea at 7.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the Royal concert at the Albert Hall at 7.45 in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, will attend a primary schools' lecture at Albemarle Street at 10.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the Canterbury Oast Trust at Highlands Farm, Woodchurch, Ashford, at 10.15; and, as Patron of Age Concern, will open a new day care centre at Hartley, Longfield, at 12.15.

Receptions

Museums & Galleries Commission
Mr Graham Greene, Chairman of the Museums & Galleries Commission, was host at a reception held recently at The Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, London, W1, by kind permission of the Trustees and the Director.

Institute of Sports Medicine
Professor Norman Browse, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, presented the Robert Atkins award to Dr John Crowther Betts and certificates of fellowship of the Institute of Sports Medicine to Dr Robert Wallace Harland, Professor Gregor Robertson McLatchie and Dr John Clarkson Macgregor Sharp at a reception held last night at the college. Sir Victor Goodhew, Chairman of the Institute of Sports Medicine, presided.

School news

King's School, Bruton Junior School
The Governors of King's School, Bruton, have appointed the Rev Bramwell Bearcroft to be Headmaster of King's School, Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove House, to succeed Mr J.A.C. Cann from September 1994.

The King's School, Canterbury
The Governors of The King's School, Canterbury, are pleased to announce that they have acquired from The St Augustine's Foundation, Canterbury, the St Augustine's College buildings of which they have been the lessee for some years. The buildings comprise three boarding houses, the Library, the Refectory, and the Upper Chapel together with the grounds.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Arnold Burgen and Dr O. Kennard
The marriage between Sir Arnold Burgen and Dr Olga Kennard will take place in Cambridge on December 5, 1993.

Dr W.P.L. Hellier and Miss A.S. Del Mar
The engagement is announced between William, son of Peter and Elizabeth Hellier, of Clifton, Bristol, and Anna, daughter of John and Sue Del Mar, of Cleobury Mortimer, Worcester.

Mr P.J.P. Johnston and Miss A.L. Beechcroft-Kay
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr David Johnston, of Winchester, and Mrs Françoise Johnston, of Empshott, near Petersfield, and Amanda, only daughter of Captain David Beechcroft-Kay, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Anita Beechcroft-Kay, of Poole, Dorset.

Mr J.S.H.A. Kane and The Hon Clarinda Weir
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Kane, and Clarinda, daughter of the late Lord Inverforth and of Lady Inverforth.

Mr M.J. Page and Miss L.C. Pickering
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Major-General and Mrs John Page, of Long Sutton, Somerset, and Louise, daughter of Sir Edward and Lady Pickering, of Bath.

Mr S.R.L. Shedden and Miss J.R. Lawley
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs R.G. Shedden, of Blandford, Dorset, and Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Lawley, of Earl Stonham, Suffolk.

Mr M.D. Sweett and Dr N.A. Crossley
The engagement is announced between Martyn David, son of Mr and Mrs David Sweett, of Bathford, Avon, and Nicola Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs John H. Crossley, of Barnt Green, Worcestershire.

Mr C.A.H. Villiers and Mrs E.M.J. Brown
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr A.M.H. Villiers and Elizabeth Lady Sudeley, and Emma, daughter of Mr J.B.W. Goodall and of the late Mrs J.M. Goodall, of 11 Smith Street, London, SW3.

Mr P.G. Woodley and Miss T.L. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Patrick Gordon, eldest son of Beaty and Denis Woodley, of Abingdon, and Tessa Leslie, only daughter of Julia Harrison and the late Peter Harrison, of Hillcrest, South Africa.

Marriage

Mr R.C. Thompson and Miss K.M. Geeson
The marriage took place at Richmond, Surrey, on November 17, between Robert Carey Thompson, son of the late Mr William Thompson and of Mrs Katy Thompson, of Russell, Kentucky, USA, and Karen Margaret Geeson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John M. Geeson, of Poole, Dorset. Their future home will be in Dubai.

Appointments

Lord Griffiths, Mark Malcomson, Judith Mayhew, Mrs Edward Norman-Butler and Sir Michael Richardson to be Governors of the English-Speaking Union. Kenneth Morgan, a Governor, to be Honorary Secretary.

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I shall lead the blind on their way and guide them along paths they do not know; I shall turn darkness into light before them and make straight their twisting roads. Isaiah 42 : 16 (REB)

BIRTHS

BEDINI - On Saturday 20th November at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Gay and Mark, a son, John Leonardo.

HAMILTON - On November 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Chinyelu (née Madura) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Arabella.

HORROCKS - On 20th November 1993, to Jonathan and Anna, a son, James.

LAUGHTON-SCOTT - On November 13th, to Jacqueline (née de Baer) and Oliver, a daughter, Louisa.

MUNDY - On November 21st, to Lisa and Chris, a son, Scott Frederick Andrew.

NAPIER - On November 13th at Nottingham, to Sarah (née Millward) and Simon, a son, Maximilian Harry.

NORTON - On 16th November at St Thomas's Hospital to Natasha (née Stokoe) and Alasdair, a son, Alasdair Jack, a brother for Iona.

PENNY - On 19th November, to Francesca (née Llewellyn) and Andrew, a son, Fergus George Andrew.

ROBERTS - On November 16th 1993, to Jane (née Drew) and Paul, a son, William Frederick, a brother for Thomas.

RODRIGUES - On November 23rd, to Gabriel Davide and Belinda Jane, a son, Darius Gabriel.

ROSE - On November 19th 1993, to Melanie (née Spira) and Andrew, a son, Hugh Peter Carey, a brother for Rebecca, Katie and Emma.

RUDDLE - On November 19th, to Jonathan and Gillian, a son, Marcus Elliott, a brother for Benjamin.

SHOWERING - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Matthew and Leia (née Lee), a beautiful son, a brother for Nicholas and Antonia.

SIMPSON - On November 18th, to Hazel (née Geddis) and Geoffrey, a beautiful son, Benjamin James Bryce.

SUGA - On 15th November at The Wellington Hospital, to Eriko (née Hirano) and Yoshi, a beautiful daughter, Mariko. We love you Mariko.

TOAL - On November 18th 1993 to Sue (née Ede) and Martin, a son Jonathan Martin, a grandson for Mike and Eileen Toal.

DEATHS

ASSCHER - Roosje (Rose) Asscher-van der Molen, of Pensford Avenue, Kew Gardens, on 20th November 1993, peacefully at Galsworthy Nursing Home, Kingston, aged 93. Widow of Ir. W.B. Asscher and beloved mother of Benjamin, Judith and William. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane, London SW15, on Friday 26th November at 14.30hrs. Donations instead of flowers to The Dutch Church, 7 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2EJ.

ATKINSON - On Monday 22nd November Sybil (née Weatherhead), peacefully after a long illness, adored wife of the late Kenneth and beloved Mother of Nigel and Carolyn and Grandmother of Sarah, George, Antonia, Anna, Camilla and Victoria. Funeral service at The Blessed Mary, Upham, on Monday 29th November at 2.30 pm.

BATTY - On November 22nd 1993 peacefully at Beechcroft Hospital, Woking, Owen Percival aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Joyce, loving father of Michael, Paul and Angela and grandfather of Paul. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Horsell, on Thursday November 25th at 4 pm followed by cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Woking Funeral Service, tel: (0483) 772266.

BENNETT - Lt. Col. Peter Millard O.B.E. (R.E. retd) peacefully in hospital on 13th November 1993. Much loved and missed by Rosemary, Clare, John and his grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A Service of Thanksgiving for Peter's life will be held on Saturday 11th December at 11.30 am in Hexham Abbey.

BIRCH - Harriett Mary (Molly) died suddenly on 19th November aged 86 years. Funeral Service at Lugwardine Parish Church on 26th November at 12 noon. Donations to Lugwardine Parish Church. Tel 0235 763529 for details.

BOURNE - On 22nd November, Mary Monica, widow of the Reverend Christopher Bourne. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Lane End, at 10.30am on Monday 29th November followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only. Donations to Wallington Hospital League of Friends c/o Funeral Directors David Sivey & Son, Westbourne Street, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP11 2PZ.

BOWDEN - On November 20th 1993, Sqn. Ldr. W.T.E. (Bill). Beloved husband of Ray, adored by his children and grandchildren. Loved and respected by all who knew him. Dearly missed. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation. Funeral Service to be held at Hastings Crematorium on Thursday November 25th 1993 at 11 am. Enquiries telephone: (0424) 445094.

BOYD - On November 21st peacefully in her own home, Margaret Boyd O.B.E. Educator and sportswoman par excellence, good friend to so many worldwide, most special aunt to Marian, Nicholas, Sarah, Alice and Anthony, great-aunt to Alastair, Sally, Henry, Lucy, William, Matthew, Jessica and Hannah, great-great-aunt to Katie and Daniel. Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Wednesday 1st December 1993 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Wycombe Abbey School Senior Bursary Fund c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1AH. tel: (0442) 864548. Memorial Service to be announced.

CAREY - On 18th November 1993, at Woodhayes Nursing Home Exeter, Marion widow of Keith. Funeral Service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Wednesday 1st December at 2.30 pm. Floral tributes if desired to Le-Roy Funeral Service, 10 Alphington Road, Exeter.

COLLET - On 21st November, peacefully in Epsom, Jean Edith Isobel (née Thomson), aged 86, wife of the late Robert Allan Collet, much loved mother of David and Robin and much loved grandmother of Katherine, Alistair, Tara, Eloise and Henry. Funeral Service at St Andrew's United Reform Church, Cheam, on Monday 29th November followed by cremation at Randalls Park. Family flowers only please; donations, if desired, to The League of Friends, Epsom District Hospital, c/o W.A. Truelove & Son, 18 Church Road, Epsom, Surrey to whom any enquiries may be addressed.

DAVIES - On Tuesday November 16th, peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Emilie Davies, of Girton, Cambridge. Beloved aunt of Jean, Reg and Geoffrey, great-aunt of Simon, Mary and John. Sister-in-law of Alfred-John. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Girton, at 1 pm on Thursday 25th November, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Farleigh, 212 New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 9AE.

DIXON - Elizabeth (Betty), on November 21st in Montreux, after a long illness; widow of George, mother of Paula, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service of Remembrance at All Saints Church, Vevey, Switzerland, on Thursday December 2nd at 10.30 am. No flowers, please, but donations, if wished, to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Training Centre, London Road (A40), Lewknor, Oxford OX9 5RY.

DOWDING - Muriel, The Lady, at 8.32 am on Saturday 20th November 1993 at The Pines, Firs Hill, Hove, East Sussex, widow of Jack Maxwell Whiting (died 22nd May 1944 on active RAF service over Denmark) and Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding (died 15th February 1970), daughter of the late Jack Albino, mother of David Maxwell Whiting her only son, founder of Beauty Without Cruelty. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday 29th November 1993 at 3.30pm. No flowers as she loved flowers to live and not to be cut. Donations if wished for Animal Welfare may be sent to J.M. Leicester, Buss Murton, Solicitors, The Priory, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1JJ, cheques in favour of Buss Murton. For further information about Lady Dowding, see books Beauty Not The Beast (England ISBN 085978 060 2) and 'The Psychic Life of Lady Dowding' (Published New York).

DOWNIE - Josephine Anne (née Walker) died on 19th November 1993. Loved and loving mother of Louise, Alice and Catherine, wife of Nicholas and guardian to Ollie. Private funeral. No flowers requested. Any donations to NSPCC c/o W.S. Bond, 127 Chiswick High Road, London W4.

DUNCAN - On November 22nd 1993, Blanche (née Dennis), beloved wife of the late Ronald Duncan, much loved mother of Bruce, Hedley and the late Merrilees and beloved grandmother and mother-in-law. Requiem Mass at Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Chipping Norton, on Thursday November 25th at 2.30 pm. Private cremation to follow. No flowers. Donations if wished to the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Charlbury and to Chipping Norton War Memorial Hospital. Enquiries to Sole & Son, tel: (0608) 644112.

GLAZEBROOK - On November 22nd, peacefully at home, Daisy Isabel, aged 96, widow of Reginald Field Glazebrook, dearly loved mother of Bill, Ben, Peter and Mark and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, Thursday November 25th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Ivor Howatson & Son, tel: (0745) 812061.

GOWER - Philip Arnold, peacefully at home on Friday 19th November. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Cremation at West Herts Crematorium, Monday 29th November at 4 pm. No flowers by request. Donations to the Scleroderma Assoc., 112 Crewe Road, Alsager, Cheshire ST7 2JA.

HAYDON - On 20th November 1993 in Tocumwal, NSW, Australia, Judith Ann Haydon (née Whitlock), beloved wife of Hilary and mother of Peter and Katharine. Private funeral. No flowers. Donations to Amnesty International.

HEARNSHAW - James, formerly of Redlake Road, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands, former Chairman of John Folkes Hefo Ltd., passed away in a nursing home on November 19th 1993, aged 77 years. Husband of the late Marjorie. Funeral Service Tuesday November 30th 10.45 am at St Peter's Church, Pedmore, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu for Friends of Prestwood House may be sent to H. Porter & Sons, 60 South Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

HILEY - On November 23rd peacefully at Collingtree Park Nursing Home, Northampton, Ena Geraldine Ursula (née Short), recently the widow of Surgeon Commander Charles Hiley (R.N. Rtd). Much loved mother of Caroline. The cremation will be at the Counties Crematorium, Milton, Northampton, on Friday 26th November 9.30am. Family flowers only please donations to The Officers Association, 48 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5JY.

JOHNSON - On November 21st, Evelyn Mary "Maisie" (née Morton), widow of Sir Henry Johnson. Beloved mother of Anne and Sarah, devoted grandmother of Andrew, George, James and Sophie. Funeral Friday 26th November 2.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Chenies, Bucks. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Fund, 11 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1DU.

LE GALLAIS - William Francis, younger son of Lady Le Gallais and the late Sir Richard Le Gallais, on Monday 22nd November after a long illness. Private cremation. Memorial Service on 3rd December 1993 at 3pm at St George's, Hanover Square. Flowers welcome.

LILWALL - On 19th November, peacefully at Lower Odcombe, Somerset, aged 92, Raymond J.B. Much loved by his wife Amy, his children Judith, Jennifer, Christopher, Guy and Catherine, daughter and sons-in-law, 15 grandchildren and great-grandson. Donations if desired to U.N.I.C.E.F. c/o Forsey, 28 High Street, Butleigh, BA6 8SY. tel: (0458) 50654.

MALLOWAN - On November 21st peacefully at Wallingford Community Hospital, Lady Barbara Hastings Mallowan O.B.E., F.S.A., (née Parker). Beloved Aunt of Tricia, Clare and Michael Shortall. Funeral service at St Mary's Cholsey, Wallingford, Oxon. Thursday 10.30 am November 25th. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Friends of The Elderly, 42 Ebury Street, London SW1W 0LZ.

MARSH - On November 20th 1993, Reg, aged 86, formerly Joint Managing Director of de Vere Hotels; beloved husband of Wyn and dear father and grandfather. Funeral Friday 26th November 3 pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

MIRRLEES - On November 21st 1993, peacefully at home in Oxford, aged 86 years, Gillian, dearly loved wife of James and mother of Catriona and Fiona. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday November 25th at 11 am. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Oxfam.

MITCHELL - Suddenly but peacefully at Crieff Cottage Hospital on Monday November 22nd 1993, Jeanne Rosamund (Jane), beloved wife of the late Professor John D.B. Mitchell and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Perth Crematorium on Friday November 26th at 11.30 am.

PEARCE - On November 20th 1993 at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, after a brave fight against cancer, Patricia (née Forsythe). Dearly loved wife of Tin, loving mother of Diana and Julia and granny to Alex and Ben. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on Thursday December 2nd at 10.30 am, to be followed by private family cremation. Immediate family flowers only, but donations by way of friendship and remembrance may be sent to Myeloma Research Unit, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

PYM - On November 22nd, John (Jack) Pym, quietly at his home, Foxwold, Brasted, Kent, aged 88..

REED - On November 23rd, Margaret Joan, peacefully at home in Sheffield after a long illness. Widow of Henry Charles Reed, dearly loved mother of Elizabeth and Timothy and grandmother of Caroline and Nicholas. Service at St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Tuesday November 30th at 11 am followed by private interment. Enquiries John Heath & Sons Funeral Directors, Sheffield.

RODZIANKO - Joan. On 22nd November 1993, peacefully. Beloved sister of Ann and dear aunt of her nieces and nephew. Much loved by her family and friends. Funeral St. Mary's Cold Brayfield at 12 noon on Saturday 27th November.

SUTHERLAND - On November 22nd 1993 at his home in Torquay, Dr. Ian, aged 74 years. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Shiphay, on Tuesday November 30th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for Torquay and District Medical Society may be sent to: Torbay and District Funeral Service, 11 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 3SB.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL H. R. B. FOOTE, VC

Major-General H. R. B. Foote, VC, CB, DSO, tank commander in the Western Desert in 1942, died on November 22 aged 88. He was born on December 5, 1904.



BOB FOOTE won his Victoria Cross for his courage and superb handling of the tanks at his disposal in the fierce fighting of the Battle of Gazala in May and June 1942. It was a seesaw struggle, at the outset of which Rommel appeared to have overplayed his hand and consigned his Afrika Corps to destruction. Yet, by effectively concentrating his slender resources against British tanks which were thrown in piecemeal, Rommel turned the tables at the end of a fortnight of bloody fighting. The result was the headlong retreat of the British Eighth Army into Egypt and the humiliating loss of Tobruk with 35,000 men taken prisoner.

Foote was commanding the 7th Royal Tank Regiment, as part of the 32nd Army Tank Brigade, equipped with Matildas and Valentines, when, at the outset of the Gazala battle, Rommel swept round the open desert flank to attack the British defensive positions from the rear. However, as a result of encountering strong armoured units, some of which had been recently equipped with the superior American Grant tank, Rommel's onward rush became bogged down and he found himself trapped between the fortified Gazala line and a British minefield. As the British rained bombs down on his position in the following days it became known as "the Cauldron". Rommel seemed doomed.

The Eighth Army commander General Ritchie also tried to annihilate the Africa Korps with attacks from the north and east. Foote's regiment took part in the northern thrust to clear the western end of the Sidra ridge. Early in the action, he was forced to abandon his command tank when it was hit, and while dashing across the open to reach another tank he was wounded in the neck by a machinegun bullet. Despite excruciating pain, he refused to get to safety inside the second tank and continued to exercise command, standing on it outside its turret. When that tank too was hit and disabled, he took to his feet, redeploying his surviving tanks with great skill and encouraging their crews until darkness put an end to the fighting for that day.

Exactly a week later, at the turning point of the battle on June 13, when Rommel was trying to encircle the Guards Brigade in the Knightsbridge Box with both his Panzer divisions, Foote arrived at the critical moment. Leading the remnants of his own regiment, combined with those of 42nd Royal Tank Regiment, he was in time to stop 15th Panzer Division cutting the Guards' withdrawal route and to hold it open until darkness enabled them to escape.

This took place amid some of the most vicious fighting of the desert campaign. Going in to the attack on the Knightsbridge escarpment the first wave of Foote's tanks was almost immediately destroyed. But he reorganised the remaining armoured units, dismounting and walking from one tank to another to encourage the crews. In addition Foote stationed his own tank in front of the others and made himself plainly visible on its turret, to hearten the other crews. Such a magnificent personal effort could do nothing, alas, to alter the overall balance of the battle. This was now clearly lost and on June 14 Ritchie abandoned the Gazala line and retreated towards the Egyptian frontier.

Foote's own luck ran out a week later. After the end of the Gazala battle the remnants of 32nd Army Tank Brigade — now down to 70 tanks — were withdrawn into Tobruk. When, on June 20, Rommel in a surprise attack overcame the town's defences and captured the port, Foote and his adjutant managed to escape and hid in a cave, hoping to get away by sea. However, they were captured and sent to an Italian prisoner of war camp near Milan. Foote soon escaped and joined the Italian partisans in the mountains. They eventually engineered a safe crossing for him into Switzerland and thence back to England.

Henry Robert Bowreman Foote was the son of Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Foote, Royal Artillery, and was educated at Bedford School before being commissioned into the Royal Tank Corps in 1925. Most of his prewar service was in India. At the outbreak of war he was at the War Office. He became GSO 1 of the 1st Cavalry Division (re-named 10th Armoured Division after mechanisation) in Palestine in 1941 and took part in defeating the Raschid Ali rebellion in Iraq and in the invasion of Syria, earning the DSO before taking over 7th Royal Tank Regiment in the Western Desert before the Battle of Gazala, in which he made his name.

He was a modest self-effacing man with a keen sense of humour and quiet determination. He possessed a balanced mix of command, staff and technological abilities, and his career was centred upon tanks and tank warfare.

At the end of the war he was Brigadier, Royal Armoured Corps, Middle East and in 1947 reverted in rank to lieutenant-colonel to command the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment. His experience of handling tanks in battle led to his appointment as head of the Automotive Wing of the Fighting Vehicle Proving Establishment at Chobham in 1948.

After commanding 7th Armoured Brigade, 1949-50, and 11th Armoured Division, 1951-53, he became Director-General Fighting Vehicles in 1953. He was, from 1955 to 1958, Director Royal Armoured Corps in the War Office. In retirement from 1958, he was a founder member and for some years chairman of the Trustees of the Tank Museum at Bovington. A keen golfer he was an active supporter of the Ironsides Golf Club. Foote was amused to have been selected to appear on *This Is Your Life*. In 1959 he started a second career as military adviser to Leyland for ten years.

He married Anita Flint Howard after his escape from the Italy in 1944. They had no children. After being widowed in 1970, he married Mrs Audrey Mary Ashwell in 1981. She survives him.

HIS HON SIR JAMES MISKIN

His Honour Sir James Miskin, QC, former Recorder of London, died from Alzheimer's disease on November 21 aged 68. He was born on March 11, 1925.

JAMES MISKIN was a wide-ranging Common Law advocate who was said to have been surprised by his promotion in 1975 to be Recorder of London, the Old Bailey's senior judge. He had not been Common Serjeant, the Recorder's deputy. Some saw the robust hand of the late Mr Justice Melford Stevenson in his appointment.

Despite Miskin's soft tones on the Bench — he was informally called "Whispering Jim" — he had strong, outspoken views which were always clearly stated. At his happiest, he was a charming, witty after-dinner speaker, playing the Recorder's traditional role in the City as its next spokesman after the Lord Mayor.

But 15 long years at the Bailey took their toll before his eventual retirement. His tenure coincided with a wearing run of demanding murder and rape cases from 1975 to 1990. Judicial manpower struggled with an escalating rate of prosecutions. He was critical of Treasury cash limits. He was also often in the headlines with strong denunciations of deviants, sharp calls for executive action, and widely varying sentences, especially in rape cases where he was attacked for inconsistency. Sadly, failing powers towards the end led to offensive, off-the-cuff remarks out of court which inevitably won him tabloid notoriety.

The Miskins are a Kentish family with Huguenot antecedents. James William Miskin's father was general manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The young Miskin was educated at Haileybury and Brasenose College, Oxford, where he was senior Heath Harrison Exhibitioner. In between, he saw war service in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was called to the Bar in 1951. He cut a dashing figure as a young barrister in chambers, arriving early rather than leaving late.

He developed a broad Common Law practice, angled in favour of family work and medical negligence. In 1967 he took silk after three years on the Bar Council, renewed again in the early 1970s when he headed a committee on the status of women at the Bar. In 1972 he became a Crown Court Recorder, a junior part-time post entailing four weeks on the Bench yearly. It shares only the accident of a name with the ancient, full-time Old Bailey post he assumed in 1975, after a year as leader of the South Eastern Circuit.

His taking up of office at the Old Bailey was postponed for six months to enable him to continue in the Thalidomide case, representing the victims against Distillers. He had to wait eight years for the knighthood which customarily goes with the Recordership.

In 1983 he was the target of Mrs Thatcher's "anxiety" when she learnt that the Buckingham Palace intruder, Michael Fagan, had been released from a mental hospital after Miskin had made a hospital order without a restriction order. But on the Bench, after Fagan had broken into the Palace, Miskin was typically brisk when he told the jury that they need not "waste more than three seconds" to find that Fagan had acted as a trespasser.

His language on the Bench could be tougher than his sentences. He attacked the "revolting behaviour" of a stepfather in 1987 who indecently assaulted his stepdaughter, but gave him a term of only six years. At the same time he called for longer sentences in such cases.

Towards the end of his stint at the Old Bailey, and immediately after, he became increasingly outspoken. He sought the return of hanging for premeditated murder, called for a higher age limit of 25 for jurors and attacked the Treasury's failure to fund prison expansion. An after-dinner reference to blacks as "nig-nogs" attracted condemnation. A similar phrase, "murderous sikhs" in relation to a current case he was trying led to formal censure by the Court of Appeal for apparent bias.

He was a keen tennis player, golfer and angler. From 1972 to 1975 he was both chairman of the Board of Discipline at the LSE and an appeals steward for the British Boxing Board of Control. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife, Sheila, whom he married in 1980, and by two sons and two daughters from his first marriage.



MURIEL LADY DOWDING



Muriel Lady Dowding, founder of Beauty Without Cruelty, died on November 20 aged 85. She was born on March 22, 1908.

WHEN Muriel Lady Dowding started the cosmetics and fashion charity of Beauty Without Cruelty in 1959, she was pilloried by the press and portrayed as a crank. But gradually, as the political climate changed, her ideas concerning alternatives to vivisection in the testing of cosmetics began to enter the mainstream. She was aided in all this by her husband, Lord Dowding, who, as the director of the Battle of Britain and an active member of the House of Lords, was able to gain the ear of many in Parliament.

Muriel Dowding's methods of drawing attention to the cause were just as energetic as her husband's though less orthodox. She rebuked women in the press for their dependence on scent produced from civet, face creams made from whale fat and shoes made from leather, in the days when such products were the only ones readily available. Her remarks about the understanding of animals — she claimed once to have rid her house of a plague of silverfish by politely asking them to leave — induced a spate of requests for her to come and talk to readers' earwigs. She talked dreamily of a time when "no one will cut grass, animals will all be vegetarian and everything will be as nature intended." And yet, by sheer persistence, she managed to make many of her ideas stick.

Muriel Albino, as she was born, had an unconventional childhood and was heavily influenced by the family's interest in Theosophy, by a psychic grandmother and by her mother, who claimed to be a healer. She married her first husband, Max Whiting, in 1935, but was widowed when, as an RAF bomber pilot, his plane was shot down over Norway in 1943. Her second husband, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, asked her to lunch after claiming to have been in touch with Whiting through a spiritualist medium. They were eventually married in 1951.

Lady Dowding's interest in animal rights gathered pace in the late 1950s. It was then that she heard a first-hand report of the agonising death, by harpoon, of a pregnant blue whale. Later, at a spiritualist meeting, she realised how many so-called sensitive women were wearing furs. She started Beauty Without Cruelty with two like-minded vegetarian friends in 1959 and went on to buy a shop in Chiltern Street which stocked a range of simulated furs, non-leather bags and shoes, and skin care products.

Though she professed she was "not at all the Queen Bee type — or even a committee woman" and was said to loathe public speaking, Muriel Dowding found herself in the vanguard of the emerging animal rights movement, and spent the next two decades addressing meetings across the country. She was also at one time chairman of the National Anti-Vivisection Society and a vice-president of the RSPCA. However, in 1981 she unexpectedly resigned from the presidency of the Beauty Without Cruelty Charity, after some acrimonious exchanges with the trustees. Their argument was over a large bill for expenses claimed by Lady Dowding's son after his mission to India on behalf of the organisation.

Lord Dowding, who was an easy convert to Muriel's various causes, frequently spoke on animal welfare in the House of Lords and mounted an anti-vivisection campaign in the 1950s. When Rab Butler, then home secretary, told him that no government would act on vivisection unless the medical profession agreed, he and Muriel set up the Fund for Humane Research. Her autobiography, *Beauty — Not the Beast*, which included some horrific pictures of animal experiments, appeared in 1980.

Lord Dowding died in 1970 and she is survived by a son from her first marriage.

BILL BIXBY

Bill Bixby, actor, best known for his performance in *The Incredible Hulk*, died from cancer on November 21 aged 59. He was born in San Francisco on January 29, 1934.

BILL BIXBY rose to television stardom in the late 1970s, when he was cast as the human half of a destructive green monster in a Jekyll and Hyde inspired fantasy called *The Incredible Hulk*.

Bixby played the part of a well-meaning scientist, Dr David Banner, whose metabolism is irreversibly altered after an accidental overdose of gamma rays. Thereafter, whenever he is made angry (something which he tried to avoid but which invariably happened twice in each of the 86 episodes), Banner metamorphoses into the Hulk, his eyes turning an eerie white, his clothes ripping apart from the force of his rapidly expanding body and his skin turning a livid green. As the Hulk (played by an ex-weightlifter called Lou Ferrigno), Banner is superhumanly strong and can send people flying through the air from the shock wave created by just clapping his hands, but he is endowed with the mind, temper and speech of a child.

The ludicrousness of the scenario did not stop the producers from lacing the programme with some heavy-handed social messages aimed at adult audiences: "We deal with subjects such as child-beating, teenage alcoholism and psychosurgery," Bixby said, stressing that unlike other monsters "the Hulk has to relate to other people and see the difference between



good and evil". But the millions of children who tuned in to the programme every week, and who made up the bulk of its audience, were immune to all this. They loved the green monster as a simple cartoon character, and spent millions on Hulk T-shirts, masks and action toys — turning Bixby, in the process, into a star.

Wilfred Bailey Bixby began his career as a hotel clerk and pool attendant at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, before launching himself into modelling. He went on to make promotional shorts for car companies in Detroit and then returned to Hollywood as a straight actor. Parts followed in such films as *Lonely Are The Brave* (1962), *Irma La Douce* (1963) and *The Apple Dumpling Gang* (1974).

But it was on the small screen that Bixby really found fame. In the early 1960s he made 112 episodes of *My Favourite Martian*, followed by parts in *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* and *The Magician*. After *The Incredible Hulk*, Bixby became irritated by the pressures of celebrity, though he continued to act in television films and starred in a two-hour *Incredible Hulk* special in 1987. Instead, he turned increasingly to directing, his biggest success being the recent teenage series, *Blossom*, made for NBC.

Bixby was known as a near recluse and workaholic within the profession and had an unhappy personal life. His first wife, the actress Brenda Benet, committed suicide in 1982, a year after their son had died from a throat infection. His second wife, Laura, left him after he was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1991. He is survived by his third wife, Judith, whom he married last month.

REICHSTAG FIRE TRIAL

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LEIPZIG, NOV 23

The Supreme Court of the Reich has become used to shocks during the trial of "Van der Lubbe and associates," but it received the biggest shock of all soon after the resumption in Leipzig this morning when the chief defendant, from whom it has been almost impossible hitherto to obtain more than a muttered monosyllabic admission of guilt, rose and said he did not agree with the way the trial was being conducted. He thought it was rambling around the main issue——his own guilt——and he desired that, without further ado, he should be sentenced to death or 20 years' imprisonment. He was tired of prison clothing, of chains, of meals, "five and six times a day"; he had fired the Reichstag alone and demanded his sentence.

This was the main thread in statements often rambling and even childish. "You need only ask the other defendants if they had anything to do with it," he said, and included curious references to "voices" and his cell, which puzzled all hearers. Attempts to wrest from Van der Lubbe the secret of his accomplices were parried in a manner that included either great cunning or the conviction that he had had none. At the end of an exhausting day, with even Dimitroff spreading his hands in despair, observers of the trial felt almost convinced that Van der Lubbe had no accomplices or does not know who these accomplices were. Yet it is virtually impossible that he could have fired the Reichstag alone.

Van der Lubbe spoke in guttural Dutch, liberally interspersed with German words. The fluent German scholar, described in the police evidence, who even used flowers of speech in his German, becomes almost impossible to imagine. He began by saying: "We have now had three stages of the trial in Leipzig, then in Berlin, now again in Leipzig——and I should like to know when the verdict will be pronounced and executed."

The presiding Judge (Dr. Bünger).——I can't tell you that yet.

Van der Lubbe.——I fired the Reichstag and want to know when the verdict is coming.

Dr Bünger then told Van der Lubbe that it lay with him to reveal his accomplices. Van der Lubbe said that that had been cleared up. He had fired the Reichstag and there must be a verdict. The trial was becoming too involved and he could not agree with this manner of procedure. Dr. Bünger again asked him to name his accomplices, and Van der Lubbe said the other defendants themselves confirmed that they were not in the Reichstag and did not fire it.

Dr. Bünger said that if Van der Lubbe persisted in saying that he had fired the Reichstag alone the trial would have to go on as it was going. Van der Lubbe said it was "all perfectly clear." He had fired the Session Chamber with his burning jacket. Dr. Bünger pointed out that the experts had testified that a man could not fire the Session Chamber "with a scrap of clothing." Van der Lubbe said that was the personal opinion of the experts, but he had done it as he described.

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NEWS

Rate cut disappoints the City

■ Kenneth Clarke delivered the interest rate cut that had always been expected as a sweetener to deficit-cutting measures in the Budget. But the move was greeted with disappointment.

The half-point cut takes the base rate to 5.5 per cent, the lowest for 16 years. But industry and financial markets were concerned that it took "full account" of the Budget.....Page 1

Croats wire up human bombs

■ One of the three men cried "Don't shoot; we are Muslim soldiers" as he stumbled unnaturally up the slope towards the Bosnian trenches. The cause of his hunched gait became apparent: mines had been strapped to his chest and back, rope bound his hands and wire ran from his torso back towards the Croat militia positions. A further depth of depravity and horror had been reached in Bosnia's war ..... Pages 1, 13

Ulster blow

John Major's Northern Ireland peace initiative suffered a body blow when the Ulster Unionists virtually urged him to call off his attempts to secure an agreement with Dublin..... Pages 1, 11

Taylor resigns

Graham Taylor accepted the blame for England's failure to qualify for the 1994 World Cup Finals in the United States by resigning as national team manager ..... Page 1

Best and worst

Rachel Whiteread pulled off a unique art double: she won the Tate Gallery's Turner Prize for the best exhibition of contemporary art and a spoof rival award for the worst body of work produced last year..... Page 1

Cold comfort

The prime minister announced that cold weather payments would be increased as part of the compensation package for VAT on fuel that is to be unveiled in the Budget next week.....Page 2

Gangland mistake

The man who shot dead two Department of Transport inspectors in a gangland-style killing probably mistook them for someone else .....Pages 1, 7

Widening gap

The cost of widening congested motorways has increased by 78 per cent to more than £6 billion and the programme is slipping behind schedule, the National Audit Office said.....Page 8

War on crime

A four-pronged approach to beating rising crime was outlined by the home secretary, Michael Howard said that it was necessary to take action "right across the board".....Page 10

Mossad revenge

Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, systematically hunted and killed all the Palestinians responsible for the massacre of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, General Aharon Yariv, the architect of the hit team, said on BBC TV.... Page 12

Steel dispute

Britain and Germany are embroiled in a fierce row over steel industry subsidies on the eve of talks in Bonn between John Major and several cabinet ministers.....Page 11

Harrier pilot rescued

An RAF Harrier pilot was rescued from a remote part of northern Iraq in a covert American helicopter operation, after he had ejected ..... Page 14

Chinese warned

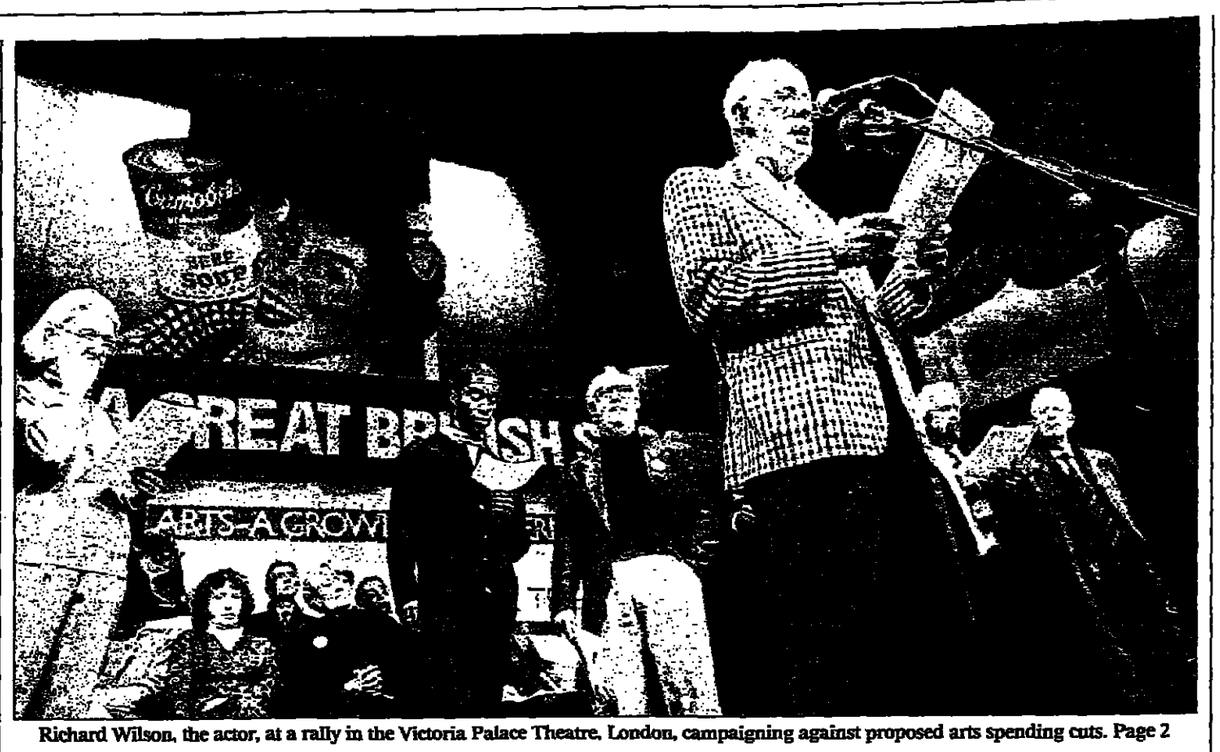
Ma Yinchu, the Chinese ambassador to Britain, was summoned to the Foreign Office to be told that time is running out for Hong Kong negotiations..... Page 15

College rating

Leading sixth-form colleges outstripped the performance of all but the most selective schools in the first league tables of results for the newly-independent further education sector .....Page 9

A matter of life and death

■ So many soccer fans wish their ashes scattered on the hallowed turf of their home club that the Football Association has issued guidelines to groundsmen on how best to dispose of the devoted departed without harming the grass. They recommend just a sprinkling, preferably on the side of the pitch and opposite the fan's favourite spot ..... Page 3



Richard Wilson, the actor, at a rally in the Victoria Palace Theatre, London, campaigning against proposed arts spending cuts. Page 2

BUSINESS

Levitt case: The trial of Roger Levitt and three co-defendants ended after only 13 days when Mr Levitt and Mark Reed, his former managing director, changed their pleas to admit a charge of fraudulent trading.....Page 23

Books: The agreement that fixes the price of books is to be reviewed by the Office of Fair Trading following complaints from booksellers that it acts against the public interest.....Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 barely reacted to the interest rate cut, falling 1.3 to 3069.3. Sterling's index rose from 81.0 to 81.4 after rising from $1.4760 to $1.4808 and from DM2.5173 from DM2.5262.Page 26

SPORT

Motor rallying: For the third successive year Colin McRae, of Scotland, was forced to retire on the third day of the RAC Rally. Malcolm Wilson, of Northumberland, had moved up into third place by the end of the day ..... Page 40

Snooker: Terry Griffiths took seven hours to beat Dean Reynolds 9-6 and reach the quarter-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship at Preston. The first eight frames took 253 minutes to complete..... Page 40

Tennis: The Lawn Tennis Association is to invest almost £6million on the installation of clay courts, a surface unfamiliar to most British players .....Page 41

FEATURES

Paying for God: "Perhaps the only way forward is to say you can only belong to a church if you pay a subscription." Rachel Kelly on how much parishioners should put on the plate.....Page 16

Auschwitz II: Unlike the main Auschwitz camp, which has been carefully shaped into a museum, Auschwitz-Birkenau has been left untouched. Roger Boyes on the preservation campaign..... Page 17

MEDIA

Super cards: A new phenomenon is about to burst upon Britain's supermarket shoppers: loyalty schemes, designed to keep them from straying to rivals ..... Page 30

ARTS

Schedule supremo: Tonight, millions of people will watch what Marcus Plantin decides. Plantin is ITV's new network director, his declared mission to "kill" BBC1's audience figures. He is none too keen on people watching Channel 4, either.....Page 33

Master actor: In Edinburgh, Brian Cox is in superb form in the title role of Ibsen's *The Master Builder*, as the Royal Lyceum's new regime gets into its stride.....Page 34

Taxing stuff: 10,000 people will lose their jobs, and innumerable specialist publishers will go out of business. That is what the book trade is predicting if the Chancellor imposes VAT.....Page 35

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Victoria Wicks, of *Drop the Dead Donkey* which shared one of Britain's six television Emmy awards with *Absolutely Fabulous*
Pages 3, 33



Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, pleaded with party leaders to support his austerity budget and stem a run on the lira
Page 12



Susan Gooch, who was freed on two-years' probation after falsely accusing a colleague of rape following "a night of animal lust"
Page 5

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Big bad Wolf

■ Naomi Wolf is the prophet of "power feminism", in which women are no longer seen as victims. Victoria Glendinning takes a sceptical look at her new book

Jaws of a dilemma

■ Far from improving with better dental care, children's teeth seem to be getting worse. Why?

Stations of the space age

■ Europe's top architects have a new hobby: playing with trains. From Waterloo to Lyons, stations are being built with dazzling ingenuity. Marcus Binney looks at the renaissance of railway architecture

TV LISTINGS

The story behind the collapse of Asil Nadir's Polly Peck empire, and the search for nearly £2 billion, is told in *Unusual Transactions* (BBC2, 8pm) .....Page 43

OPINION

Too little too soon

If interest rates remain too high and public borrowing remains out of control after this Budget, Mr Clarke will have missed his best opportunity before the general election to offset substantial reductions in public borrowing with big cuts in interest rates .....Page 19

Sex on line

There is a risk that computers, if used unthinkingly, will draw a generation of children away from group activities and personal contact into lonely limbo.....Page 19

Bamboozle science

As archaeology, Tim Severin's voyages are a load of old rowlocks. As entertainment, they make him a living, and add to the gaiety of nations .....Page 19

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

A decade of abuse of public administration has reached a crescendo. Antagonism to bureaucracy is universal. If Sir Humphrey is for the chop, a whole nation will apparently cheer his path .....Page 18

ALAN COREN

First there is the rasping slew of braking tyres, then the clunk of mutually indenting coachwork, next the poignant clatter of a hubcap rolling wonkily away, and, finally, after a bit, the oaths and squeals of recriminative rage. It is snowing in Cricklewood.....Page 18

LETTERS

The absurdity of being politically correct all the time.....Page 19

THE PAPERS

It seems inevitable that China, as its economy continues to develop and expand, must in time adopt a more open if still less than fully liberal political system. The United States should do all that it can to influence that trend

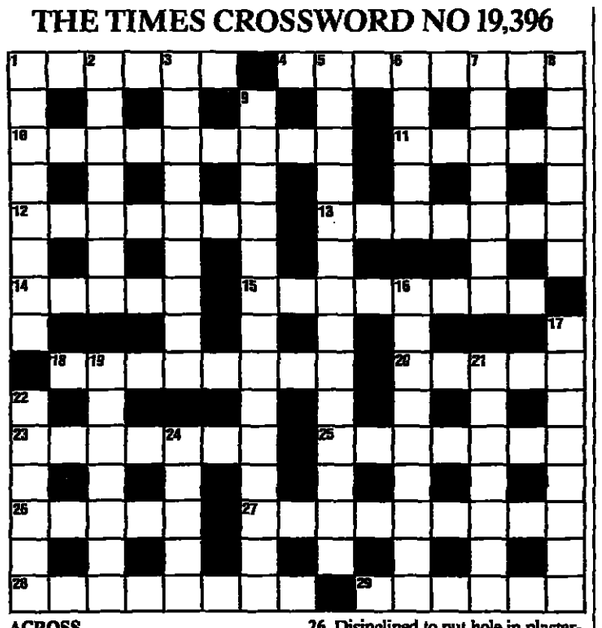
— Los Angeles Times

If China begins to respond substantively to America's main concerns, relations will surely warm. But by rejecting the President's outstretched hand, Beijing once again undermined its supporters

—The New York Times

Treating China as a responsible player on the world scene is clearly premature *— Washington Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,396



ACROSS

1 Copper suggestive in office of junior minister (6).
4 Architectural ornament of a prison like this? (8).
10 Longing for rolling green seas (9).
11 The Herald's read, we hear (5).
12 Driver's top gear (hardly touching bottom) (3-4).
13 Small bone in ear is close to fracture (7).
14 Undershirt a match? (5).
15 Firm bound to take university group (8).
18 Strange standard of behaviour during an unending good time (8).
20 Dependant's reluctance to work? (5).
23 Agencies make Foreign Office cross! (7).
25 Jumper for universal travel, possibly? (7).
26 Disinclined to put hole in plaster-support (5).
27 Crude and rude (9).
28 Phoebe sears extras down under (8).
29 Top sailor in the hold (6).

DOWN

1 Forcing ice-cover off (8).
2 Compliments from judges (7).
3 Rough diamond's way of dating a party (9).
5 Midwifery terms are ready (4,2,8).
6 Drink, for example, in The Rising Sun ? (5).
7 Bass tuba sacred to the Muses (7).
8 Theory and practice (6).
9 Erica Cross in speckled woollen fabric? (7,7).
16 Moving a cabinet about? (9).
17 Siren had reformed in his scandalous playschool (8).
19 Save the profit a good deal (7).
21 Tours — where, in France, husband drops out of affairs (7).
22 It marks a spurious passage in orders about a liberal university (6).
24 Hate sitting in a cab. horse-drawn (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.395

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Lincs & Humberside	713
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National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
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Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
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WEATHER

Northern England and Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of sleet and snow which should turn to patchy rain. Southwest England will be cloudy with drizzle. The rest of England, after a misty start with freezing fog patches, should brighten but stay cold. Northern Ireland will start wet but become brighter by the afternoon. Outbreaks of rain, sleet and snow will spread across Scotland. Outlook: rain in the north and west; dry elsewhere.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Akrotiri	23	73	c	Malaga	16	61	f
Alex'dria	23	73	f	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	18	64	f	Medit'nne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Mexico C*	28	82	f
Athens	14	57	c	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	26	79	f	Milan	4	39	c
Bangkok	30	86	s	Montreal*	9	48	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	-14	7	c
Barcelona	11	52	f	Munich	-3	27	c
Beirut	22	72	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Belgrade	1	34	f	Naples	13	55	s
Berlin	-3	27	c	N Delhi	24	75	s
Bermuda*	23	73	r	N York*	13	55	s
Biarritz	8	46	s	Nice	9	48	r
Borde'x	5	41	f	Oslo	-1	30	sn
Brussels	0	32	f	Paris	0	32	s
Budapst	1	34	s	Peking	-1	30	s
B Aires*	20	68	f	Perth	31	88	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Prague	-3	27	s
Cape Tn	20	68	c	Reykjavik	1	34	sn
Chicago*	11	52	f	Rhodes	17	63	r
Ch'church	16	61	f	Rio de J	31	88	s
Cologne	1	30	c	Riyadh	25	77	s
C'phagn	-1	30	sn	Rome	13	55	s
Corfu	17	63	s	Salzburg	0	32	s
Dublin	7	45	s	S F'risco*	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	f	Santiago*	27	81	s
Faro	17	63	f	S Paulo*	31	88	c
Florence	7	45	c	Seoul	-3	27	s
Frankfurt	-1	30	f	Sing'por	28	82	r
Funchal	16	61	f	St'kholm	1	34	c
Geneva	0	32	f	Strasb'rg	0	32	s
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Sydney	18	64	r
Helsinki	-1	30	c	Tangier	15	59	f
Hong K	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Innsbrck	1	34	s	Tenerife	17	63	c
Istanbul	9	48	f	Tokyo	16	61	f
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	10	50	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Tunis	18	64	s
Karachi	31	88	s	Valencia	14	57	c
L Palmas	21	70	f	Vanc'ver*	-3	27	s
Le Touquet	0	32	f	Venice	4	39	c
Lisbon	12	54	f	Vienna	-3	27	c
Locarno	2	36	c	Warsaw	-2	28	c
Luxembg	-2	28	f	Wash'ton*	14	57	s
Luxor	30	86	s	Wel'ngton	16	61	s
Madrid	9	48	c	Zurich	-2	28	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: *Temp. max* 8am to 6pm, 03C (37F); min 6pm to 6am, -01C (30F). Humidity: 6pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,018.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 07C (45F); lowest day max: Warcop, Cumbria, -02C (28F); highest rainfall, Aberdeen, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 6.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp. max 8am to 6pm, -01C (30F); min 6pm to 6am, -07C (19F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: *Temp. max 8am to 6pm*, 02C (36F); min 6pm to 6am, -05C (23F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.8hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.6	0.47	1	34	snow
Anglesey	4.8	-	6	43	bright
Aviemore	5.7	-	-2	28	sunny
Belfast	5.3	0.01	5	41	sunny
Bognor Regis	6.9	-	3	36	sunny
Bournemouth	3.5	-	3	37	sunny
Bristol	1.9	-	3	37	bright
Buxton	4.2	-	1	34	bright
Cardiff	6.5	-	3	37	sunny
Clacton	3.4	0.13	1	34	sunny
Cromer	-	0.12	1	34	snow
Edinburgh	0.4	0.03	2	36	snow
Eskdalemuir	4.7	-	1	34	bright
Exmouth	3.6	-	3	37	bright
Falmouth	1.6	-	6	43	cloudy
Folkestone	4.3	0.04	2	36	snow
Guernsey	3.5	0.07	6	43	bright
Hastings	5.0	-	3	37	bright
Hunstanton	2.0	0.07	3	37	snow
Isle of Man	6.1	-	5	41	sunny
Jersey	3.8	0.02	6	43	bright
Kinloss	5.9	-	1	34	sunny
Leeds	2.7	0.02	4	39	snow
Lerwick	-	0.05	3	37	snow
Liverpool	6.3	-	3	37	sunny
London	0.9	0.06	2	36	snow
Lowestoft	0.1	0.06	2	36	snow
Manchester	4.5	-	4	39	bright
Margate	X	0.14	2	36	snow
Mineahead	X	-	3	37	bright
Morecambe	6.4	-	3	37	sunny
Newcastle	2.9	0.17	2	36	snow
Newquay	3.1	-	4	39	bright
Nottingham	2.0	0.01	2	36	snow
Penzance	3.0	-	7	45	bright
Plymouth	5.2	-	4	39	sunny
Poole	3.3	-	2	36	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.6	-	4	39	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	5.1	-	2	36	sunny
Southend	X	-	1	34	snow
Southsea	5.6	-	2	36	sunny
Stornoway	4.6	-	5	41	bright
Swanage	5.9	-	3	37	sunny
Teignmouth	4.5	-	3	37	sunny
Tenby	5.6	-	3	37	sunny
Tiree	3.9	-	5	41	bright
Torquay	5.2	-	4	39	sunny
Weymouth	6.5	-	3	37	sunny
Wick	1.3	0.31	4	39	snow

x denotes not available
These are Monday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.13
Austria Sch	18.65	17.16
Belgium Fr	56.53	52.13
Canada $	2.087	1.907
Cyprus Cypf	0.785	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.57	9.77
Finland Mkr	9.18	8.39
France Fr	9.18	8.48
Germany Dm	2.66	2.45
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.07	11.07
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2584.00	2429.00
Japan Yen	177.50	158.00
Malta Mlir	0.620	0.585
Netherlands Gld	2.985	2.735
Norway Kr	11.51	10.71
Portugal Esc	297.00	248.50
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	210.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	12.91	12.11
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	20800.0	19800.0
USA $	1.575	1.445

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.31 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 4.41 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 4.22 pm to 7.37 am
Manchester 4.30 pm to 7.21 am
Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.19 am

Sun rises: 7.34 am
Sun sets: 4.01pm
Moon sets: 2.30 am
Moon rises: 1.38 pm
Full moon November 29

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday. c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

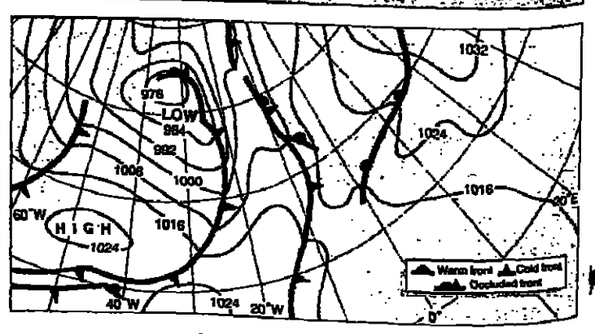
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	4	39	s	Guernsey	4	39	c
B'rmgham	-2	28	c	Inverness	-2	28	fg
Blackpool	-1	30	s	Jersey	3	37	f
Bristol	-3	27	sn	London	2	36	f
Cardiff	-2	28	fg	M'chster	-3	27	fg
Edinburgh	0	32	f	Newcastle	-1	30	sn
Glasgow	0	32	c	R'nldsway	2	36	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.49	6.8	10.40	6.1
Aberdeen	10.08	3.5	10.12	3.5
Avonmouth	2.58	10.1	3.35	10.6
Belfast	7.27	3.9	7.41	3.1
Cardiff	2.43	9.5	3.20	9.9
Devonport	1.43	4.4	2.01	4.6
Dover	7.20	5.6	8.01	5.5
Falmouth	1.13	4.2	1.31	4.4
Glasgow	9.18	4.2	9.43	4.3
Harwich	7.40	3.3	8.30	3.4
Holyhead	7.04	4.5	7.12	4.7
Hull	2.05	6.0	3.15	5.8
Ilfracombe	2.02	7.1	2.32	7.5
King's Lynn	2.18	5.1	3.13	5.1
Leith	11.02	4.6	11.12	4.7

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	7.38	7.5	7.55	7.9
Lowestoft	5.07	2.2	6.41	2.2
Margate	8.22	4.1	9.18	4.2
Milford Haven	2.27	5.4	2.53	5.7
Newquay	1.26	5.5	1.51	5.8
Oban	2.18	3.0	2.48	3.4
Penzance	12.56	4.4	1.13	4.6
Portland	2.30	1.5	2.25	1.5
Portsmouth	7.37	4.2	8.04	3.9
Shoreham	7.23	5.1	8.08	5.0
Southampton	7.38	3.8	7.54	3.7
Swansea	2.23	7.5	2.51	7.8
Tees	—	—	12.21	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	7.42	3.5	8.32	3.6

NOON TODAY



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Would you like to work from this house?



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Third year unlucky for Colin McRae

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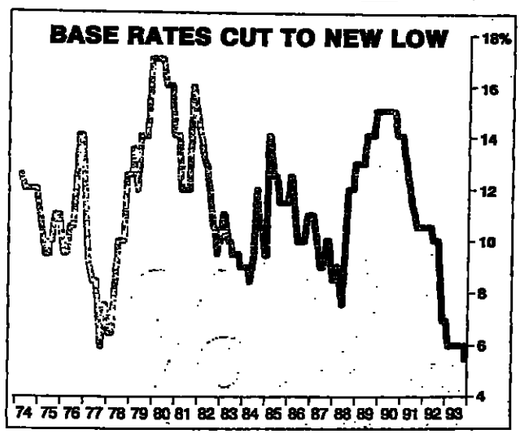
Doubts set in after rate cut euphoria

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE burst of market euphoria after yesterday's surprising cut in base lending rates was short-lived as dealers expressed disappointment with the modest size of the cut or settled down to wait for another.

The Bank of England announced it was cutting its minimum lending rate by 0.5 of a percentage point to 5.5 per cent, the first time it has signalled a change in base rates since January 26. The major clearing banks soon followed with half-point cuts in base rates, but most building societies held their fire to see what next Tuesday's Budget package will contain and whether any more official interest rate cuts are in the offing.

Treasury and Bank of England officials made it clear that yesterday's cut takes the contents of the Budget into "full account", virtually precluding another half-point cut around Budget time. However, the financial markets continue to believe that further cuts in interest rates are on the way. Short sterling futures, a good guide to thinking on interest rates in the currency markets, are still looking for another half-point cut early next year. But the size and timing of yesterday's cut, which had been confidently expected on or around Budget day, confused both the City and economists.



At the time of the Bank's announcement, the equity market was sharply lower, the FT-SE 100 index down about 20 points. The market then rallied strongly, swinging in the other direction to stand nearly 20 points higher. Then disappointment with what was regarded as a half-measure by the authorities set in and the FT-SE lost all its gains to end 1.3 lower at 3,069.3.

The UK government bond market, initially impressed with the rate cut, followed a similar pattern, giving up gains of around a full point at the long end to close only around half a point higher.

Sterling, in contrast, rallied in relief that the authorities had not cut rates more boldly. The pound's trade-weighted index closed at 81.4, compared with Monday's close of 81. Sterling gained nearly a pfennig to close at DM2.5262.

Opinion was divided on whether the small size of the rate cut implied that taxes will be raised by more or less next week. Gavyn Davies, chief UK economist at Goldman Sachs, believes the half-point cut will be the last until next spring when Norman Lamont's pre-announced tax increases alone will take £6.7 billion of spending power out of the economy. But the counterpart of caution on the monetary side will, he believes, mean that there will be some tax increases announced next week, but "nothing all that dramatic". The Chancellor may, however, pre-announce tax increases in the style of his predecessor, most coming into effect in later years when the recovery is more firmly established.

Others in the City, however, argued that the base rate cut does not change their view that the Chancellor will have to appear to be tough in the Budget to persuade the financial markets that he is serious about tackling the deficit.

Stephen Lewis, of the London Bond Broking Company, believes that the authorities may be prepared to cut by a full point but are taking it in stages to gauge the reaction of sterling. "This is their main sensitivity," he said. "If sterling were to collapse, say, because backbenchers revolted against a tough package, there would be fears about more inflation in 1994." Most economists, sceptical that sterling would show any inclination to collapse, expect further rate cuts. As European foreign exchange markets have shown, currencies are reacting far more clearly to prospects for growth rather than interest rates.

Such is the obsession of the authorities with the exchange rate, however, that a minority believe that the authorities could cut base rates in the days after the Budget if sterling strongly appreciates.

Many others in the City believe that a strong possible opportunity would be mid-December, with figures expected to show low inflation and subdued retail sales on December 15, and the Bundesbank expected to cut German rates on December 16.

Others, however, believe that the authorities will wait to see how the economy develops next year, particularly after April when the Lamont tax rises hit.

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TONY WHITE

Sir Colin Southgate said yesterday he is in no rush to sell Thorn EMI's loss-makers

Thorn EMI pegs dividend

BY NEIL BENNETT

A STRING of number one hits failed to prevent half-year profits dipping at Thorn EMI, the music and rental group, which sent its shares sliding.

Pre-tax profits at the group fell £200,000 in the six months to-end September to £105 million, even though the group's Virgin subsidiary held the number one spot for 12 of the 26 weeks with albums from Janet Jackson, UB40 and Meatloaf. The music division increased profits 48 per cent to £89.9 million. Virgin, which Thorn bought for £510 million last year, made £36.5 million.

The group was hit by a £14.7 million loss from non-core technology business. This mostly came from a £10 million provision against fusing contracts in the defence electronics busness. Thorn tried to sell this business to GEC this year, but the talks foundered.

The figures caused the shares to slide 35p to 914p. The City was particularly dismayed that Thorn failed to raise the dividend, holding it at 9p. Sir Colin Southgate, chairman, said the City had failed to appreciate the strength of the group's core businesses and that he would not rush to sell the group's loss-makers. "I will not sell them for nothing," he said.

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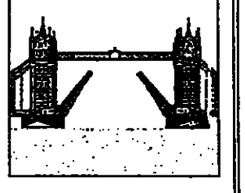
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Industrialists tell Clarke 'not to rock the boat'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INDUSTRIALISTS reacted with a keen sense of frustration to the half-point cut in interest base rates. While welcoming the cut to 5.5 per cent, some called for a further reduction: others warned Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, against any counter-balancing increase in taxes during next Tuesday's Budget.

All business leaders are worried about the lack of investment in industry, and fear the Chancellor will not do enough to encourage it.

At the British Chambers of Commerce, Richard Brown, deputy director, criticised the Chancellor for failing to cut rates by the full one point most leading business organisations, including the Confederation of British Industry, were demanding. "With inflation running at 1.8 per cent and fiscal tightening inevitable, a bolder move is necessary to maintain consumer demand and avoid strangling the fragile recovery," he said.

Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, said the welcome cut was "fully justified," by the recent fall in inflation. The Institute of Directors seemed doubtful the cut would provide the investment stimulus needed. Peter Morgan, director-general, said: "This reduction should certainly not be used as an excuse or a trade off for further tax increases in the Budget."

Graham Mackenzie, president of the EEF engineering sector body, stressed his investment concerns forcefully. "Recovery cannot be based on another consumer boom," he said. "What we hope for in next Tuesday's Budget is action by the Chancellor to shift resources into investment and infrastructure, rather can consumer spending."

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, called the move "timid" adding: "A full 1 per cent cut is what has been needed for many months."

Voices in the construction industry, which has contracted in the recession, were particularly urgent. Frank Eaton, chief executive of Barratt, the housebuilder, urged the Chancellor not to "rock the boat". He called for further measures to sustain and strengthen a slow recovery in the housing market.

Agreement on book prices under scrutiny

BY ALISON ROBERTS

THE agreement that fixes book prices is to be reviewed by the Office of Fair Trading after complaints from booksellers that it is against the public interest.

The Net Book Agreement (NBA), supported by most publishers, sets minimum prices for books and prevents retailers from selling them for less. The OFT announced yesterday that it was to investigate the agreement and consider asking the Restrictive Practices Court to judge.

Publishers were angered by the decision. They believe that scrapping the NBA would result in many small publishers and booksellers going out of business. It is also likely, they say, that book prices would increase and that the range of books published would decrease. Ian Taylor, director of the Publishers Association, said: "At a time when the book trade, like everyone else, is battling its way out of recession, we are not over the moon about a possible change of the ground rules. It is difficult to see what anyone would gain by dismantling the NBA."

But big bookselling chains, the main opponents of the agreement, believe consumers would benefit from increased competition between bookshops. By forcing down the prices they pay publishers for books, they also hope to increase their market shares.

Two years ago, Dillons led a move to break the NBA by cutting the prices of more than 20 titles in the run-up to Christmas. The resulting price war among some retailers ended when the Publishers Association took legal action in an attempt to reinforce the voluntary agreement.

Terence Maher, founder of Pentos, the books and stationery group, said yesterday: "This is a great day for all of us who have been campaigning for the abolition of the agreement. I now believe that publishers should voluntarily decide to abandon it immediately. This would avoid an expensive and time-consuming investigation, the outcome of which cannot be in doubt."

When the OFT last reviewed the NBA, in 1989, it decided not to refer it to the Restrictive Practices Court because the government was expected to introduce new laws relating to restrictive practices.

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Levitt admits fraud charge

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE trial of Roger Levitt and three co-defendants ended yesterday after only 13 days when Mr Levitt and Mark Reed, his former managing director, changed their pleas to admit a charge of fraudulent trading.

Mr Levitt, 44, and Mr Reed, 40, had previously denied a joint, single charge of fraudulent trading stemming from the £34 million collapse of The Levitt Group in December 1990. The pair were freed on bail before sentencing on Friday.

Robert Price, former finance director, was acquitted. A new trial was ordered for Alan McNamara, 29, who denies a single count of fraudulent trading.

Mr Levitt's wife, Diana, and his parents, were in court to hear Mr Justice Laws dismiss the jury.

Mr Levitt changed his plea to admit fraudulently misleading the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra). Mr Reed joined Mr Levitt in pleading guilty to the charge.

The pair denied two other charges of false accounting and fraudulently injecting funds. David Cocks QC, prosecuting, said that in view of the two men's plea changes, the Crown would no longer be pursuing the outstanding parts of the charge and that Mr Price could be discharged.

Mr Price, 42, suffered a "mental collapse" in early Spring 1990 — months before Fimbra was deceived — and never returned to work.

The Crown, therefore, would be offering no evidence against him on the fraudulent trading charge, Mr Cocks said. He was granted defence costs, which are to be paid from public funds.

Another 21 counts that the defendants variously faced, and were due to be the subject of a second trial, were ordered to be left on the file.

Outside court, Steven Barker, Mr Price's solicitor, said: "It comes as no surprise to us today that the Crown have finally offered no evidence against him and acquitted him of the charge that he faced. He today feels totally and fully vindicated by his acquittal, and hopes to get back to normal life as soon as possible."

The court was told how Frederick Forsyth, the writer, was duped out of £400,000 by Mr Levitt, who used the money in an attempt to shore up his ailing company.

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Crest settlement details to be given in spring

By George Sivell
Assistant Business Editor

THE Bank of England working party responsible for setting up a new Stock Exchange settlements system in the wake of the hugely expensive collapse of the Taurus project said yesterday that it would not publish full details of how the new Crest system would work until the spring.

Work on the new settlements systems is going ahead around the world as large international stock exchanges seek to speed up the time that is taken for buyers and sellers of shares to pay or collect their dues in order to reduce the financial risks involved. The Group of Thirty international financial think tank has already recommended international standards that are far higher than London's present settlement period, which can give buyers up to a month to pay. The ultimate aim is to have all the major exchanges settling within two days.

London will move to a ten-day rolling settlement in the middle of next year and to a five-day rolling settlement in 1995. London first started drawing up a new settlements system because it was felt that the present Stock Exchange system was too fragile to cope with the high trading volumes prevalent in the mid-eighties.

Yesterday, the Bank of England working party published a working paper on Crest on which it is inviting reaction. It is intended that share buyers will be able to opt for either a paper certificate or an electronic entry. In the latter case, a share buyer would receive something like a bank statement at regular intervals to show which shares have been bought and sold.

The working paper says Crest would offer investors faster, cheaper and more efficient settlement of their transactions than present systems. It would also allow companies to get swifter, more up-to-date information on their shareholders.

Costs would be cut by the elimination of the mountain of paperwork currently involved in recording each share transaction, although investors would still have the option of insisting on a paper certificate.

The working party is seeking comments on the way the basic principles published yesterday would work, so it can draw up final plans by the beginning of May next year.

It still has to be decided who will run the new system, which is designed as a non-profit making service for the City, although the Stock Exchange said it "may well have a significant role to play in that continuing structure". Many in the City suspect, however, that the Bank of England will eventually control share settlements, rather in the way that it runs the settlements system for government stocks.

The Bank of England was brought in after the Taurus collapse, which cost £80 million to the Stock Exchange and an estimated hundreds of millions to member firms who had tried to adapt their technology to cope with Taurus.

Power users 'pay £545m a year too much'

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

ELECTRICITY customers in England and Wales are being overcharged by £545 million a year, according to a study by Brunel University. The profitability achieved by the 12 regional electricity companies in their distribution business is twice the appropriate level, the study says.

Although the cost of delivering power amounts to only a small part of each household bill, the Brunel findings suggest an average overcharge of 4 per cent for domestic customers, or £12.16 a year on a typical £304 household bill.

For industry and the public sector, which — because they buy in bulk — get cheaper power, but pay higher distribution costs, the penalty is higher still. Overall, distribution charges account for a fifth of the cost of power.

The study, commissioned by the Chemical Industry Association, adds weight to business claims that power companies are making excess profits at customers' expense.

It will also increase pressure on Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry regulator, to tighten price controls on the regional companies. Professor Littlechild acknowledges concerns about profits being earned in power distribution; in a consultation document, he has invited suggestions about how controls might be changed.

However, his proposals for reform will not be published until next summer, nor implemented before April 1995, a spokesman for Offer, the regulatory body, reaffirmed yesterday.

Ian Blakey, chairman of the Energy Intensive Users Group, one of the bodies behind the study, said: "The distribution companies have enjoyed a profits bonanza at the expense of all types of customer since privatisation. Offer must take firm action to clamp down on their profitability by a considerable tightening of price controls."

The Brunel study, carried out by a team of four that included two professors, found the average rate of return to the companies on their distribution business in the year to March 1992, on a current-cost accounting basis, was 9.2 per cent.

They concluded that 4.4 per cent would be an appropriate level: lower even than the 5 per cent deemed appropriate for the water companies by their regulator.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Laurence Shurman, banking ombudsman, after introducing his report yesterday

Banks 'spin out' complaints

By Sara McConnell, Personal Finance Correspondent

BANKS' internal complaints procedures are too complex and long drawn-out and more effort should be made to publicise the ombudsman scheme to customers, the banking ombudsman said. Introducing his annual report for 1992-3, Laurence Shurman said many bank staff appeared to be unaware of internal complaints procedures. He urged banks to display details of the ombudsman scheme prominently in branches.

Customers who went through a bank's complaints procedure were sometimes "strung out", Mr Shurman said. The volume of complaints has levelled out in the past year. A total of 10,231 was received and 1,111 were investigated fully. Of 1,810 full investigations completed, 36 per cent went in favour of complainants. The smallest award was £5 and the biggest, £81,700.

Problems with bank charges and interest topped the banking ombudsman's list last year, accounting for almost a fifth of the complaints received. However, only 6.9 per cent of these merited full investigation.

By contrast, although only 6.4 per cent of complaints concerned cashpoints, they accounted for a fifth of complaints taken to full investigation.

Mr Shurman said that in many cases, banks' charges turned out to be justified.

Vodafone admits quality problems

By Patricia Tehan

VODAFONE, the mobile telephones operator, admitted yesterday the quality of service provided by its pan-European digital network is not as good as the old-style analogue system.

Gerry Whent, chief executive, said: "No doubt about it, you have to put a denser network on digital than you do on analogue to give comparable quality. We are not happy with the service that we have, but we are confident we will have it right by February." The EuroDigital service was launched in September, with MetroDigital for urban subscribers following in October.

However, he said that Vodafone is no longer having problems with the GSM chip technology and the quality problem should be solved by February with an increase in the number of GSM base stations of about 60 nationally to give more than 930 sites.

The company unveiled a 9 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £174.5 million for the first half year to end-September, after a £13 million loss from start-up costs and notional interest on investments in overseas ventures.

Turnover was 22 per cent higher at £389.8 million. Earnings per share were up from 10.76p to 11.7p and the interim dividend has been raised by 20 per cent to 4.12p, with a scrip alternative. Vodafone said profits would have been 16.4 per cent higher if the effects of the investment in new GSM digital networks in Greece and Australia had been excluded. Profits from the overseas operations in Malta, Hong Kong and Scandinavia failed to offset the losses in Greece and Australia.

Vodafone's lead in the United Kingdom mobile telephone market slipped from 56 per cent to 55 per cent with rival Cellnet, which is 60 per cent-owned by BT and 40 per cent-owned by Securicor, making gains.

But Mr Whent said that Cellnet's gains were in the consumer market, while Vodafone is stronger on the business side where revenues are higher.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BCCI liquidators to seek new compensation plan

THE liquidators of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International are to start from scratch in negotiations for a new compensation agreement with the government of Abu Dhabi, the majority shareholder.

The move follows last month's Luxembourg court ruling against the $1.7 billion compensation plan agreed last year. The decision to return to the table means both sides are effectively back to when the bank collapsed in July 1991, with 530,000 creditors no closer to compensation. The liquidators, of Touche Ross, the accountant, said they "intend to seek to re-establish a dialogue with Abu Dhabi with a view to determining whether any new plan can be developed".

Mixed brew for brewer

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed, the Burton brewer, has pushed pre-tax profits ahead from £9.56 million to £11.5 million in the six months to September 25, but warned shareholders that a similar advance cannot be expected in the second half. The interim dividend is raised from 1.45p to 1.60p. Michael Hurdle, the chairman, says conditions within the company have remained difficult, with sales by the brewing side to Marston's pubs falling by 3.4 per cent.

C&W to raise $400m

CABLE and Wireless is raising $400 million through an issue of Eurodollar bonds to help fund its annual £1 billion investment programme. The bonds, the international telecommunications group's first public US dollar debt issue, was met with strong demand from a wide geographic spread of institutional investors. The bonds have a ten-year maturity and carry a 6.5 per cent coupon. The proceeds are also to be used to fund emerging business opportunities.

Nelson Hurst forecast

NELSON Hurst, the insurance broker gearing up for flotation is forecasting pre-tax profits of £5.2 million, compared with £1.4 million, in the year to end-December. Next month's placing and intermediaries offer will value the group, bought out by management from Citicorp in May 1991, at £60 million to £70 million and will raise £28.5 million of fresh funds. About £23 million will be used to repay Citicorp loan notes. After flotation, the company will have £1.5 million of debt.

Capital Radio ahead

A FIRST-TIME contribution from Midlands Radio, bought in April, and an upturn in advertising revenue in the final quarter sent pre-tax profits at Capital Radio ahead to £11.7 million in the year to end-September, from a directly comparable £8.8 million before a £2.2 million exceptional gain the previous year from the sale of the Duke of York's Theatre. Capital shares responded with a 14p rise to 223p. A final dividend of 4p makes a total up 0.5p at 5.75p.

Anglo Irish rises 45%

STICKING to its core business of lending and treasury in Ireland and the United Kingdom helped Anglo Irish BankCorp to increase its pre-tax profits 45 per cent to Ir£9.25 million (£8.8 million) in the year to end-September 30. The profits compare with a restated Ir£6.38 million, in accordance with new financial reporting standards. Earnings per share were up 12 per cent to 5.7p and the dividend for the year is held at 3.36p.

News chief executive

THE chairman of News International, Andrew Knight, has announced that August Fischer, managing director, is appointed chief executive of the company. Mr Fischer remains chief operating officer of The News Corporation. The appointment gives Mr Fischer executive oversight of News International and allows the chairman to concentrate on the corporate interests of the company.

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Lambeth Building Society Appoints New Director

Mr. Michael Haines has joined the Board of Lambeth Building Society, as a non-executive director.

Mr. Haines, who is 57, recently retired as a partner in KPMG Peat Marwick, where he was Chairman of the Firm's Public Sector Industry Group. He was, from 1984 to 1988, a director of Nationwide Building Society. He is Chairman of the Royal London NHS Trust, a Director of Cluff Resources plc, Deputy Chairman of the Hackney Business Venture and Treasurer of London & Quadrant Housing Trust.

Mr. Haines is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

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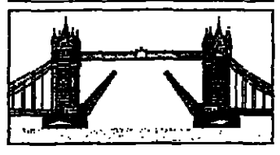
☐ IF FINANCE ministers and central bankers like creating uncertainty to disarm speculators in domestic markets as much as they do on the foreign exchanges, yesterday was a hand-rubbing triumph for Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George. Share prices dashed about in all directions, gilt-edged lost most of their early gains on the half-a-loaf base rate cut and, not surprising amid such confusion, there was record trading in financial futures.

The complacent consensus that the Chancellor would raise taxes and mathematically offset the effect on the economy by cutting interest rates proportionately in his Budget has been shattered. Now the markets have little notion whether tax rises will be big or small or whether yesterday's half point is really all they are going to get this year on interest rates, or even whether fiscal and monetary policy are indeed two sides of the Budget coin or have again been separated into watertight compartments.

The Chancellor's best wheeze, however, was in creating a political smokescreen. By announcing that the Bank of England would have responsibility for the exact timing of base rate changes, he focused attention on the status of the Bank — as well as creating yet more uncertainty for markets long habituated to rate cuts accompanying party conference and Budget speeches. It soon turned out that this was not exactly the first step in creating an independent central bank. Since the Bank's discretion seems to run no further than a few days, it is more like pater familias magnanimously allowing a teenager out after dark, provided he is back by 11pm.

In reality, by answering the complaints of Norman Lamont about the last rate cut, Mr Clarke will reinforce the authority of the Chancellor and the Treasury, rather than the Bank. Mr Lamont was annoyed that the prime minister pushed the button for the last rate cut from thousands of miles away because the troops were restive at home. The Bank was peeved because the cut pre-empted an auction of gilt-edged stock, upsetting its relations with the market. By answering the Bank's complaint by allowing it discretion, Mr Clarke has done nothing to reduce his own power. He has simply stopped the prime minister meddling in interest rates without consultation.

Not that the new arrangements should be treated as anything more than a statement of intent. Those with long memories will recall a long series of new schemes for setting interest rates since the abolition of imposed bank rate, all of which proved nothing more than meaningless formalities when storms hit the markets. For one brief period in the Seventies, "bank rate" was fully privatised, to be determined by free market forces through the prices determined in interbank market. It did not last. Twenty years later, Mr Lamont had no compunction about setting aside the system of Bank-induced base rates when sterling was falling out of the ERM. Come the next crisis, even the Bank's limited new discretion will count for nought.



Page-turning times for the book trade

☐ TIMING is everything in Sir Bryan Carsberg's decision to open a new chapter in the endless debate about the Net Book Agreement. His Office of Fair Trading is to re-examine an issue it looked at under Sir Gordon Borrie only four years ago. Sir Gordon concluded that it could safely be put back on the shelf. Ostensibly, Sir Bryan is having another go because planned legislation, which would have led to all such permitted restrictive practices being reviewed, has itself been shelved.

Far more important, in reality, is the Budget cliffhanger: will Kenneth Clarke impose VAT on books, along with newspapers, next week? Whether or not that was the hidden scenario behind Sir Bryan's move, it could certainly prove the vital issue in his investigation.

A report drawn up by Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm helping the industry's lobby, suggests that a 17.5 per cent VAT might cut total sales by 15 per cent, concentrated in the consumer book sector. That would reverse the rise in the percentage of discretionary spending going to books over the past few years. This is evidently a pretty rough estimate, however, not least because Ernst & Young argues that spending on books is much more strongly geared to incomes than relative prices.

The Chancellor's other tax decisions, and the course of economic recovery, are just as vital to the book trade — as are spending cuts that limit purchases of all classes of books by public institutions. One absolutely clear implication of Ernst & Young's report, however, is that VAT on books, even at the less explosive 8 per cent rate, would put heavy pressure on ex-tax prices.

For the trade, the issue is where that pressure would fall. Oddly, the main challenges to resale price maintenance have come from specialist book chains, such as Pentos, a sector long supposed to be the likely victim of price-free competition because it needs high gross margins to finance stock. If the agreement was banned, or lapsed by permission of publishers, retail price-cutting would probably focus on books packaged for newer outlets such as supermarkets, where books are marginal purchases. Specialists might be hit less, in part due to lower interest rates on working capital.

Thereafter, price pressure would probably fall on the publishers if they were not to damage their own main market. There is a strong rent element in the price of books. That lies in the copyright — hence the huge premium on the hardback editions libraries have to buy — but ultimately in payments to authors. Their incomes would be the ones to suffer most from VAT. Logically, they would therefore soon be recruited to the anti-NBA cause, if only to spread the pain.

Filling family gap in Cadbury's snack

☐ NIGEL Stapleton's ascent to the chair of the 100 Group of finance directors, vacated for Michael Lawrence to become chief executive of the Stock Exchange, is another interesting piece of timing. At Reed International and now Reed Elsevier, Mr Stapleton has been at the centre of the debate over goodwill and brand names, on which the Accounting Standards Board is soon to pronounce. But Mr Lawrence's agenda, which centred round the practicality of the Cadbury code and the vexed question of internal controls, will not go away in a hurry.

The 100 Group represents big companies, but should pay attention to a revealing report by Coopers & Lybrand on Cadbury and the smaller listed company. Its survey found that four out of five companies outside the top 350 planned changes to apply the code. Yet a hefty two out of five will not comply in full. Coopers' Sir Brian Jenkins notes that a large proportion of listed companies will therefore face the stigma of failing to meet a code developed with big companies in mind.

That does not mean the code is wrong, but there is a case for having another look. The complaints arise mainly from cost — such as recruiting three top-rank wholly independent non-executive directors from an over-fished pool — and the bureaucracy of committees and formality. The issue that really leaps out, however, is that the Cadbury committee did not really come to grips with the implications of having a single big shareholder, often the founder's or chief executive's family and often exercising effective control. Given that the Maxwell empire was a classic case, this looks a gaping hole in a system for corporate governance.

Allied-Lyons calls for curb on drink imports

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ Higher profits from Allied-Lyons, the drinks group, mask a severe downturn in earnings from the brewing business, now merged with Denmark's Carlsberg

CROSS-CHANNEL imports of cheap drink, mainly from France, are costing the Exchequer £340 million a year in lost revenue and should be curbed by the government, Allied-Lyons, one of Britain's biggest drinks groups, said.

Michael Jackaman, Allied's chairman, said that each year, 750,000 barrels of beer alone were imported, in competition with British brewers. This cost Britain £100 million in lost tax. "It is therefore all the more important that the government addresses the problem of cross-border shopping," he said.

Allied is calling for a freeze on further tax increases in next week's Budget. Tony Hales, the chief executive, said the amount of tax already levied on the drinks industry, totalling £10 billion a year, was "scandalous". The company said it could not assess how much the competition from cheap imported beer was costing it. But Mr Hales said the assumption was that sales were lost at a rate proportionate to Allied's 17.5 per cent share of the beer market. That, on the margins Allied enjoys, implies lost profits of slightly more than £2 million a year.

A poor performance by the new brewing joint venture with the Danish Carslberg group was a feature of interim figures from Allied that still showed an increase in pre-tax profits from £234 million to £285 million in the 28 weeks to September 18.

The figures include £21 million lost on this summer's sale of the Chateau Latour wine business because of currency changes; the previous year included £34 million in reorganisation costs. At the operating level, Allied managed an 8 per cent increase to £358 million, and the interim dividend is raised from 6.95p to 7.30p, paid out of normalised earnings per share up 5 per cent at 18.9p.

While the spirits and wine division, which includes brands such as Beefeater gin and Canadian Club whisky, saw a 3 per cent rise in trading profits to £181 million, both retailing and food manufacturing managed 6 per cent increases, to £121 million and £36 million respectively.

Allied says the year-on-year comparison in brewing and wholesaling is impossible to quantify because the Carlsberg-Tetley joint venture started only last December. That division saw trading profits increase from £57 million to £63 million, but the rise is balanced by higher minority payments, including the Danish share from the venture.

The group concedes that Carlsberg-Tetley's performance was disappointing, and with underlying brewing profits from Britain substantially lower, Allied shares plunged by 12p, before recovering to end 3p down at 568p.

On the general outlook, Mr Jackaman said: "All our current experience confirms the perception that economic recoveries, where they are happening, are not robust. Some economies are flat or trending down."

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Call to resist price cut pressure

BY SARAH BAGNALL

CHRISTOPHER Haskins, the chairman of Northern Foods, the food and milk company, has urged food manufacturers to stand firm and resist pressure from food retailers to cut prices.

In a blast at the retailers, delivered along with half-year results yesterday, he said he believed that their discounting was not sustainable in the long term.

He said that the supermarkets' price war had intensified, with the chainstores exerting increasing pressure to pass on their price discounts to food manufacturers.

Mr Haskins said: "It is not in food manufacturers' interest to cut prices as this will just lower our margins. If we do we will be shooting ourselves in the foot." He added: "Retail competition is intensifying and is certainly not going to let up in the short term. But the downgrading and excessive discounting is unsustainable in the longer term."

Mr Haskins unveiled a 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £72.1 million for the six months to end-September.

The interim dividend advanced from 3.4p to 3.5p, up 3 per cent. The shares fell 4p to 225p.

Profits were held back by competition between the supermarkets, which hit smaller independent shops and led to a slump in doorstep sales of milk. The fall in doorstep ales, which accelerated in the six months, was matched by a rise in sales to supermarkets.

The change in the mix will hit profits in the short term because of the delay before costs are stripped out of the doorstep delivery distribution system and the extra investment needed to meet the increased demand from the supermarkets.

Three of the company's four divisions acheived a modest rise in profits.

Operating profits in the dairy division advanced by £300,000 to £40 million while profits from the convenience foods division rose by £1 million to £22.5 million. The grocery operations lifted profits by £900,000 to £9.5 million.

Meat products suffered a £2 million fall in profits to £9.4 million, reflecting the impact of lower van sales to small shops and selective trading down.

The discounting by the supermarkets had also accelerated the decline in sales to small shops from the 5 to 6 per cent of recent years to 10 per cent in the six month period, Mr Haskins said.

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Quality management counts at BTR

JOHN MANNING



Alan Jackson, BTR's chief executive, and Kathleen O'Donovan, finance director

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

BTR, the industrial conglomerate where Alan Jackson is managing director and Kathleen O'Donovan finance director, has won the first British Quality of Management Award.

The new annual award, sponsored by MORI and Sundridge Park, the corporate and executive development group, is designed to assess management's capability in terms of the long-term, future development prospects and performance of a company.

Nearly 300 executives from Britain's top 500 companies, institutional fund managers and business editors were surveyed. The total prize value is more than £100,000 worth of fully tailored, corporate development programmes in each of the next five years. The two runner-up winners were Marks and Spencer and Glaxo.

☐ BTR is selling Summers, its US electrical wholesale business, for a maximum of $120 million as part of its reduction of wholesale distribution activities. The buyer is Willcox & Gibbs of Dallas, a wholesale distributor of electrical parts.

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Laughter fades in Queens Moat farce

BY MELVYN MARCKUS
CITY EDITOR

EMBARRASSMENT is mounting over the manner in which the "rescue" of Queens Moat Houses is being conducted, not least amoung certain of the company's 65 banks, led by Barclays.

The Queens Moat farce, now the subject of a trade department enquiry, is set to reach epic proportions on Monday, when shareholders will be asked to adopt QMH's 1992 report and accounts. These embrace Jones Lang Wootton's controversial property valuation of £861 million — vastly below Weatherall Green's £2 billion valuation a year earlier and subsequent valuation of £1.35 billion.

Shareholders remain exceedingly critical of the board's decision to accept Jones Lang's valuation without recourse to arbitration, bearing in mind that the writedown leaves QMH with a negative net worth. Revelations, in recent weeks, of the salaries and perks awarded to QMH's senior executives, led by Stanley Metcalfe, the non-executive chairman, have heightened such criticism.

Mr Metcalfe receives a salary of £180,000 for a three-day week, while the three-year contract of Andrew Coppel, the chief executive, relates to a basic salary of £250,000. Andrew Le Poidevan, the finance director, and Michael Cairns, the operating director, each receive £200,000. What has raised eyebrows is confirmation that the three executives will each receive bonuses of £100,000 when QMH's financial restructuring is finalised, along with a further £100,000 when QMH's shares — suspended since last March — are requoted. Mr Coppel, it appears, may be entitled to up to £50,000 by way of a further bonus payment next year, with subsequent bonuses linked to QMH's earnings. In addition to generous pension arrangements, Mr Coppel, a former finance director of Ramers who subsequently failed to prevent Sale Tilney's descent into receivership, will also receive maximum permitted share option incentives.

Mr Metcalfe's participation in QMH's incentive scheme flies against the Cadbury committee's recommendations regarding non-executive directors. In the wake of the resignation of David Howell, an ex-Conservative minister, and John Gale, an ex-NatWest banker, Mr Metcalfe is QMH's sole non-executive director.

John Bairstow, QMH's founder and former chairman, let it be known yesterday that he had voted his eight million shares by proxy against the resolution to adopt the report and accounts. Mr Bairstow, who believes a debt for equity swap is avoidable, said: "The uncertainty and confusion surrounding the valuations of the group's properties have not been resolved. This leaves shareholders quite unable to assess the company's asset position."



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Euphoria over reduction in base rate soon fizzles out

STOCK MARKET

SHARE prices and government bonds staged a volatile performance in response to the announcement of a half-point cut in bank base rates to 5.5 per cent.

The FT-SE 100 index recorded a turnround of almost 40 points, wiping out an early deficit of 20 points as news of the cut caught traders and investors on the hop. But the index failed to hold on to its lead and closed 1.3 down at 3,069.3.

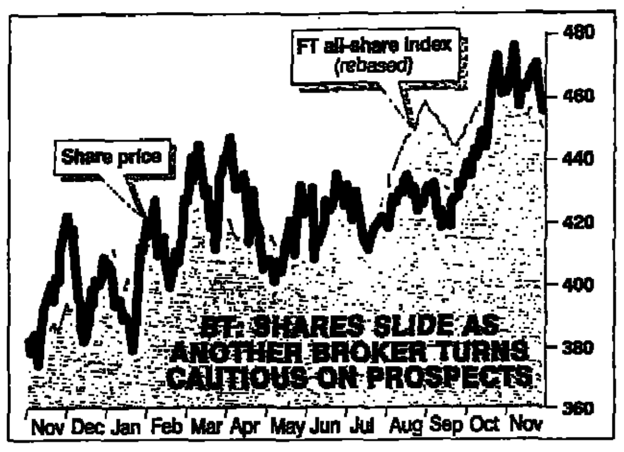
It was not a creditable performance by the equity market, and owed more to the manoeuvres of various market-makers than any genuine retail demand. This was borne out by the low turnover figure of 667 million shares that failed to equate with the 40-point movement in the index.

The initial euphoria generated by the cut in base rates *quickly* fizzled out. Brokers said that it was too little, too late, implying that it was merely a sweetener for next week's Budget, which is expected to see a rise in income and advanced corporation tax.

Banks suffered a markdown on fears of a reduction in profitability because of the cut in base rates. There were losses for **Bank of Scotland**, 3p to 188p, **Barclays**, 13p to 548p, **HSBC**, 4p to 721p, **National Westminster**, 17p to 525p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 13p to 351p, **Standard Chartered**, 6p to £10.14, and **TSB Group**, 2p to 212p. Only **Lloyds** resisted the trend, losing only 1p at 563p.

Lucas Industries rose 3p to 174p as a large line of shares went through the market. Hoare Govett is believed to have picked up 6 million shares at 170p before placing them at 171p. The shares were some of those issued as part of the enhanced scrip dividend.

United Biscuits rose 4p to 334p in spite of a major profits downgrading by Hoare Govett. It has cut its forecast for 1994 by £17 million to £190 *million*. **BAT Industries** eased 4p to 490p before a Philip Morris board meeting in America today to discuss cutting costs. There was heavy turnover in **Ladbroke**, *although the price was unmoved at 160p*, as 11 million shares changed hands. Most of the turnover was accounted for by a bed-and-breakfast transaction of 4.5 million *shares. Robert Fleming has* joined the growing band of brokers taking an increasingly cautious view of prospects for **BT**, down 4p at 458½p.



Unlike the rest of the market, Fleming says it takes seriously the warning on dividend growth issued by Iain Vallance, the chairman.

The broker believes BT's dividend growth looks set to slow to low, single digits, with unchanged dividends in poor years. Earlier this week, JP Morgan, the New York securities house, downgraded its *recommendation for BT*, prompting heavy selling of the shares on Wall Street.

Its rival, **Vodafone**, climbed 9p to 529p after weighing in with first-half figures up to expectations. *Pre-tax profits were up from* £160.2 million to £174 million allaying brokers' fears of a flat performance.

But a static performance left **Thorn EMI** 29p down at 920p, with half-year, pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £105 million.

Allied-Lyons fell 3p to 568p after raising pre-tax profits in the first six months from £234 million to £285 million.

Half-year figures from **Northern Foods**, down 4p at 225p, lived up to expectations, with pre-tax profits 5 per cent *higher at £72.1 million*. The figures were boosted by lower interest charges.

Smiths Industries slipped 6p to 421p after shareholders were told at the agm that the company was poised to take advantage of any upturn.

Abbey National eased 1p to 402p after warning that the recovery in the housing market remained patchy, with no significant improvement anticipated before 1994.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: gilts saw gains of almost £1 in longs in the belief that the cut in rates would lead to a rise in tax rates next week. *But prices* later came off the boil, prompted by a sell-off of *German bunds*. The December series of the Long Gilt touched a high of £115 13/16 before closing £11/32 better at £115 15/32 amid heavy turnover of 112,000 contracts.

The longer end of the cash *market saw the best gains*, with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 almost £½ better at £119½. In shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was a couple of ticks firmer at £113 11/16.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4808 (+0.0048)
German mark	2.5262 (+0.0089)
Exchange index	81.4 (+0.4)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3069.3 (-1.3)
Dow Jones	3677.52 (+7.27)*
Nikkei Avg	Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5½%
3-month Interbank	5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds	2 15/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.13-3.11%*
Long Bond	6.33%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4865*	£:$	1.4840
$:DM	1.7000*	£:DM	2.5250
$:SWfr	1.4904*	£:SWfr	2.2126
$:Ffr	5.9030*	£:Ffr	8.7854
$:Yen	108.45*	£:Yen	161.01
£:SDR	1.0647	£:ECU	1.3153

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 378.05 PM 377.60
Close 376.10-376.60
New York:
Comex 376.75-377.25*

OIL

Brent Crude $15.70 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

NSM	161p (+12p)
RMC Group	848p (+10p)
Capital Radio	223p (+14p)
Carlton Comm	769p (+10p)
First Leisure	245p (+11p)
Abbey Panels	248p (+10p)
Amber Ind	600p (+35p)

FALLS:

Danka Bs Sys	280p (-19p)
Cosalt	121p (-12p)
Antofagasta	910p (-35p)
Henderson Admin	963p (-15p)
Blenheim Group	323p (-19p)
Euro Disney	380p (-22p)
Barclays	548p (-13p)
Nat West	525p (-17p)
Takeda Chem	741p (-12p)
Vinten	433p (-13p)
Vosper Thorny	620p (-18p)

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Hanson reaps £110m from second US sale

By Martin Flanagan

HANSON, the conglomerate, hit the sale trail across the Atlantic for the second day running, with the announcement of the £110 million sale *of Hanson Office Products, its* US stationery business.

The divestment to Corporate Express, a private contract stationer based in Colorado, follows a similar move on Monday when Lord Hanson's group announced an agreement to sell Axelson, its American oil industry equipment group, to Oklahoma-based Wheatley TXT Corp for £56 million.

David Clarke, chief executive of Hanson Industries, the *Stateside arm of Hanson, said* the Hanson Office Products transaction, which like the previous deal requires American governmental approvals, should crystallise in the first three months of 1994. He said *it was* "excellent value for Hanson shareholders" and realised the Hanson strategy of focusing on core businesses. *Hanson Office Products, the* third biggest contract stationer in North America, was bought by Hanson as part of the Kidde Inc acquisition in 1987.

Martin Taylor, vice-chairman of Hanson, said the latest sale would mean a pre-tax gain of "between £10 million to £11 million" for the group. In the year to end-September, Hanson Office Products reported operating income of £9.3 million.

It is understood Hanson plans to raise more than £500 million through the sale of non-core businesses in order to focus on areas such as coal and building materials.



Sir Roland Smith, Readicut chairman, left, with managing director Clive Shaw. Profits rose to £6.73 million. The dividend was held at 0.63p

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares inched higher and continued their mild rally into midday, based mainly on a *firmer bond market. The Dow* Jones industrial average was up 7.27 points to 3,677.52. Advancing shares led declining issues by ten to nine. Ricky Harrington, an analyst at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "We'll probably gain a little upward momentum. Utilities and bonds are oversold and that will be felt in the equity market before the day is over."

☐ **Tokyo** — The stock market was closed for a national holiday. It reopens today. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 23 midday	Nov 22 close
AMP Inc	58¾	58¾
AMR Corp	65⅞	68⅛
Abbott Labs	28⅜	28¼
Aetna Life	59⅞	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17⅜
Air Prod & Chem	43⅞	43⅞
Albertson's	24⅝	24¾
Alcan Alumnm	21¼	21⅜
Alco Standard	47⅝	47
Allied Signal	71¼	71
Alum Co of Am	72⅜	71⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6⅝	7⅛
Amerada Hess	47⅛	46⅝
Amer Brands	34¼	34⅛
Amer Cyanamid	52⅞	52⅞
Amer El Power	36⅝	35⅝
Amer Express	30⅛	29⅝
Amer Genl Corp	27⅞	27⅛
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	63⅞
Amer Intl	86⅝	86⅝
Amer Stores	40⅝	40⅝
Amer T & T	56	55⅞
Ameritech	77⅝	76⅞
Amoco	54⅞	55⅞
Anheuser-Busch	49⅝	49
Apple Computer	31⅛	32⅛
Archer Daniels	22⅝	22⅝
Arkla	7⅛	7⅛
Armco	5⅝	5⅝
Armstrng Wrld	46⅛	46⅝
Asarco	19⅝	19⅝
Ashland Oil	33⅝	33⅞
Atl Richfield	107⅜	108
Auto Data Pro	53⅝	55
Avery Dennison	28⅛	28⅛
Avon Products	50⅞	50⅞
Baker Hughes	22⅝	22⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25	24⅞
Banc One	36⅛	36⅛
BankAmerica	41⅛	41⅛
Bank of NY	53⅞	53⅛
Bankers Tr NY	75⅝	75
Barnett Banks	39⅝	38⅝
Bausch & Lomb	52⅛	52⅝
Baxter Intl	23⅝	23⅝
Becton Dickinsn	35⅛	35⅝
Bell Atlantic	57⅞	58
BellSouth	55⅝	54⅛
Black & Decker	20⅛	20⅞
Block (H&R)	38	38
Boeing	38⅛	39⅞
Boise Cascade	22	22⅛
Borden Inc	15⅛	15⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	60⅞	60
Browning Ferris	25⅛	25⅛
Burlington Nthn	54⅝	56⅝
CBS	299⅛	296
CNA Financial	78	77⅛
CPC Intl	46⅞	46⅛
CSX	80⅛	81⅛
Campbell Soup	41⅛	42⅛
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	625⅛	625⅛
Cpd Holdings	36⅛	36⅛
Carolina Pwr	28⅛	28⅝
Caterpillar	83⅞	83⅛
Central & SW	29⅛	29
Champion Intl	30⅛	30⅛
Chase Manhar	32⅝	32
Chemical Bk	36⅛	36⅛
Chevron Corp	90⅛	89⅝
Chrysler	52⅛	51⅛
Chubb Corp	79	78⅛
Cigna Corp	63⅝	63⅝
Citicorp	34⅛	33⅛
Clorox	53	53⅛
Coastal Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Coca Cola	42⅛	42⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	58⅛	58⅛
Columbia Gas	25	24⅛
Commonw Ed	28⅛	27⅛
Compaq Comp	66⅛	66⅛
Comp Ass Int	40⅛	39⅛
Conagra	27⅛	27⅛
Cons Edison	31⅛	31
Cons Nat Gas	47⅛	47⅛
Cons Rail	61⅛	60⅛
Cooper Inds	49⅝	50⅛
Corning Inc	28⅝	26⅛
Crown Cork	38	38⅛
Dana Corp	54⅛	54⅛
Dayton Hudson	72⅛	73⅛
Deere	68⅛	68⅛
Delta Air Lines	57⅛	59
Deluxe Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Detroit Edison	32⅛	31⅛
Digital Equip	35⅛	35⅛
Dillard Dept St	40⅛	40⅛
Disney (Walt)	38⅛	38⅛
Dominion Res	45⅛	45⅛
Donelley (RR)	28⅛	28⅛
Dover Corp	58⅛	58⅛
Dow Chemical	57	57
Dow Jones	36	36
Dresser	20⅛	20⅛
Duke Power	42⅛	41⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	63⅛	63⅛
Du Pont	48⅛	49⅛
Eastman Kodak	62⅛	62⅛
Eaton Corp	51	51⅛

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Emerson Elec	55¾	55⅝
Engelhard Corp	23½	23½
Enron Corp	32¼	31¾
Entergy Corp	37⅛	37⅞
Ethyl Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Exxon	64	64¼
FMC Corp	45⅝	45½
FPL Group	36¼	35⅞
Federal Express	69⅛	65¾
Fed Nat Mrge	74⅞	77⅞
First Chicago	43⅞	42⅞
First Interstate	56⅞	55⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅞	10⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅝	30
Fluor Corp	43¼	43½
Ford Motor	59⅝	59¼
GTE Corp ■	36¼	36⅝
Gannett	54⅝	54½
Gap Inc Del	38⅝	38⅜
Gen Dynamics	91½	91½
Gen Electric	99⅝	98⅝
Gen Mills	60⅝	61
Gen Motors	52¼	52¼
Gen Reinsurance	110⅛	109⅞
Gen Signal	39⅛	35¼
Genuine Parts	37⅛	37½
Georgia Pac	72⅝	72½
Gillette	62½	62⅞
Glaxo ADR	19	18⅝
Goodrich (BF)	44⅝	44½
Goodyear Tire	42⅞	41½
Grace (W&R)	37⅜	37⅜
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27⅜	27⅜
Great Wstn Fin	17⅜	17⅜
Halliburton	33¼	33½
Harcourt General	38⅛	38⅝
Heinz (HJ)	37⅝	38
Hercules	102	103⅝
Hershey Foods	52⅝	53⅝
Hewlett Packard	70⅞	71½
Hilton Hotels	45⅝	44½
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	19⅝	20⅛
Honeywell	32½	32
Household Intl	34	34⅜
Houston Inds	46½	46
Humana	15⅝	15⅞
ITT Corp	92⅝	92⅝
Illinois Tool	37⅝	37
INCO	24	23½
Ingersoll Rand	37	36½
Inland Steel	33⅝	33⅞
Intel Corp	58½	57⅞
IBM	52	52½
Intl Flav & Fr	108⅛	108⅝
Intl Paper	65⅝	65
James River Va	18⅝	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44½	44⅞
K Mart	22⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	61½	61⅞
Kerr-McGee	49⅞	49
Kimberly-Clark	51½	51½
Knight-Ridder	56½	56⅝
Lilly (Eli)	59⅞	60⅝
Limited Inc	22⅝	23
LIN Brdcstng	110⅝	111
Lincoln Nat	42⅞	41¾
Litton	67⅝	67
Liz Claiborne	23½	23⅝
Lockheed Corp	70½	70½
Louisiana Pac	39⅞	39
MCI Commun	25	24⅛
Marriott Int	23½	23
Marsh & McLnn	78⅝	79⅝
Masco Corp	33⅝	34½
May Dept St	41½	41½
Maytag Corp	15⅝	16
McCaw Cellular	52⅝	51¼
McDonalds	56⅛	55⅝
McDonnell D	103⅝	103
McGraw Hill	69⅛	69
Mead Corp	41½	41½
Medtronic	75⅞	75⅝
Mellon Bk	54½	54
Melville Corp	40⅝	40⅞
Merck Inc	33⅝	33⅞
Merrill Lynch	87⅝	87
Minnesota Mine	108⅛	109
Mobil Corp	78⅝	77½
Monsanto	67⅞	67⅞
Morgan (JP)	69⅝	69
Motorola Inc	93½	93⅝
Natl Medical	11	11
Natl Semi	16⅝	16½
Natl Service Ind	24½	24
Navistar Int	25⅝	25½
NBD Bancorp	28⅛	28⅞
NY Times A	25	24⅝
Newmont Mng	53⅝	55
Niag Mohawk	20⅛	20
Nike B	49⅞	50⅝
NL Industries	4⅝	4⅝
Nordstrom	34½	34½
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅝	67⅝
Nthn State Pwr	41½	41½
Norwest Corp	23	23
Nynex Corp	40⅞	40⅝
Occidental Pet	17⅜	17⅜
Ohio Edison	22⅝	22⅝
Oracle Systems	29⅝	29⅝

	Nov 23 midday	Nov 22 close
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	46½	47⅛
PNC Financial	28⅝	28¼
PPG Industries	71½	71¼
Paccar Inc	62⅞	61¼
Pacificorp	19¼	19
Pac Enterprises	24¼	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	34½	34
Pac Telesis	53¼	54
Pall Corp	18¼	18⅝
Panhandle East	21½	21½
Paramnt Comm	76	79
Parker Hannifin	35⅛	35⅞
Penney (JC)	52	51¼
Pennzoil	58⅛	58⅝
Pepsico	39⅝	39⅝
Pfizer	67	65⅞
Phelps Dodge	43½	44¼
Philadel Elec	28	27⅞
Philip Morris	55⅝	55⅞
Phillips Pet	30⅛	30⅝
Pitney Bowes	41½	41½
Polaroid	35¼	35⅞
PriceCostco	18¼	18
Primerica	39⅞	39⅝
Procter & Gmbl	55⅞	55⅞
Pub Serv E & G	31¼	31½
Quaker Oats	72⅞	72
Ralston Purina	37⅝	37⅝
Raychem Corp	36½	36
Raytheon	61½	61½
Reebok Intl	30⅝	30⅞
Reynolds Metals	47⅝	46¼
Roadway Srvcs	66	65⅞
Rockwell Intl	33½	33⅝
Rohm & Haas	54	53⅞
Royal Dutch	102⅛	101½
Rubbermaid	33⅞	33½
Safeco Corp	56	55¼
St Paul's Cos	87⅞	87⅝
Salomon Inc	43⅝	43⅝
Santa Fe Pac	19⅝	19⅝
Sara Lee Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Scecorp	20½	20⅝
Schering Plough	68⅝	67⅝
Schlumberger	60⅝	61¼
Scott Paper	38⅝	37⅞
Seagram	27⅝	27⅝
Sears Roebuck	53⅝	54¼
Shell Trans	61	60
Sherwin Wllms	34½	34½
Skyline Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	36½	37⅝
Southern Co	43⅝	43½
Sthwestern Bell	40⅞	40⅝
Sprint Corp	33¼	32⅝
Stanley Works	39⅝	39⅞
Sun Company	31½	31½
Suntrust	43⅞	43⅝
Supervalu	32⅞	33
Syntex Corp	18	18⅝
Sysco Corp	28⅝	28¼
TRW Inc	62⅞	63
Tandem Comp	10⅝	10⅝
Tandy Corp	44⅞	44¼
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	24⅝	24¼
Temple Inland	49⅞	49⅞
Tenneco	49⅞	48⅞
Texaco	66⅛	66⅝
Texas Inst	61½	61
Texas Utilities	44½	43⅝
Textron	56⅛	56⅝
Time Warner	43⅛	44
Times-Mirror	31½	32¼
Timken	32⅝	32¼
Torchmark	42⅞	42⅞
Toys R Us	40	39
Transamerica	55	54½
Travelers Corp	31½	31½
Tribune	55⅞	56⅛
Tyco Labs	46⅛	47
UAL Corp	136½	139
UST Inc	26⅝	26⅞
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	110⅝	110
Union Camp	46½	46⅞
Union Carbide	20⅝	20⅝
Union Pacific	64⅛	64⅝
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USAir Group	13⅝	13⅞
USF&G Corp	13⅞	13
US Life	37⅝	37¼
US West	45⅝	46¼
United Tech	62	62⅝
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28
Upjohn	31½	31½
VF Corp	43⅝	44¼
WMX Tech	25	24⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	29⅝	29⅝
Warner-Lambert	67	67⅝
Wells Fargo	116½	114⅞
Westinghouse El	13⅝	13⅝
Weyerhaeuser	41½	42
Whirlpool	60⅝	60
Whitman	16⅞	16⅝
Winn Dixie	54½	53½
Woolworth	22⅝	22½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42⅞	42
Xerox	81½	80⅝

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	...
Abtrust Emrg Econs	88½	-½
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	48	-1
Allders (170)	186	...
BSM (170)	162	...
BZW Endwmnt Fd (100)	52	...
CLM Insce (100)	97	-1
Canadian Pizza (200)	194	-3
Cantab Pharmas (460)	442	...
CentreGold (125)	149	+2
Charles Sidney (110)	101	-4
Cleveland Trust (100)	111	...
Coal Invs	15	...
Crest Packaging	136	+2
Dellan Lloyds Inv (100)	98	...
Emerald Energy (1)	1½	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	103	-1
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	55	...
Gartmore (168)	168	-1
Gartmore Shared Eqy Tst	106	...
Gartmore Shared 0 Pf	102¼	+¼
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	99	...
Hiscox Select Ins (100)	103	-3
Independent Insce (225)	271	+13
Litho Supplies (190)	193	+1
London Fin & Inv Wts	11½	...
London Insur Mkt (100)	100	...
Masthead Insce (100)	97½	...
New London Capital (100)	95	-1
Rothmans Intl Uts	418	+4
Roxboro (230)	237	-3
Scotia (290)	278	-6
Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Throgmorton Prfd (100)	102	...
Towry Law (190)	183	...
Ugland Intl	103	...
Vendome Luxury Uts	304	...
Virtuality Grp (170)	256	+1
Wiggins Group	3½	+¼

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

WACE GROUP (9 months)
Pre-tax: £11.3m (£7.04m)
EPS: 6.8p (4.1p)
Div: —
Third-quarter turnover of £85.4m, giving £250m for the nine months. Net borrowings were reduced by £8.4m, to £75.9m, during quarter.

MELVILLE GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.18m loss
LPS: 3.15p (39.07p)
Div: Nil (nil)
The loss was £18.9m last time. There were exceptional charges of £930,000 (£12.7m). Turnover climbed to £77.5m (£75.5m).

NSM (Int)
Pre-tax: £699,000
EPS: 4.3p (LPS: 10.5p)
Div: Nil
There was a loss of £1.98m last time. Turnover from continuing operations was maintained at £56.9m (£56.8m). *Total debt down by £6m to £88.6m.*

AMBER INDUSTRIAL (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.43m (£1.47m)
EPS: 42.5p (20p)
Div: 6p (5.5p)
Turnover rose to £11.2m (£9.48m). Company said an improved position in UK has been tempered by a slowdown in Germany.

APPLIED HOLO'S (Int)
Pre-tax: £60,000 loss
LPS: 0.29p (3.1p)
Div: Nil
There was a loss of £622,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £3.04m (£2.37m). Second half has opened with lower level of business.

STERLING INDUSTRIES
Pre-tax: £1.69m (£1.88m)
EPS: *4.62p (4.37p)*
Div: 1.8p (1.5p)
Interim results. Turnover dipped to £18.3m (£18.5m). Group said orders *have increased and a satisfactory* outturn is expected for the year.

TEX HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £486,000
EPS: 5.1p (LPS: 1.6p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £146,000 last time. Turnover rose to £12.2m (£7.9m). Closure and redundancy costs amounted to £104,000.

RODIME (Int)
Pre-tax: $2.14m loss
LPS: 1.7c (EPS: 0.8c)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a profit of $1.69m last time. No dividend, including the preference, may be paid until distributable profits are available.

COSALT (Fin)
Pre-tax: £232,000 loss
LPS: 2.7p (7.4p)
Div: *5.375p (10.75p)*
There was a loss of £906,000 last time. There was an exceptional charge of £375,000 (£2.14m). *Turnover fell to £61m (£62.6m).*

STRATAGEM GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.2m
EPS: 9.5p (2.7p)
Div: 3.25p, mkg 4.75p
There was a profit of £386,000 last time. Last time's total dividend was 4.75p. Turnover amounted to £10.5m. Competitive conditions.

CITY OF LONDON PR (Int)
Pre-tax: £322,000
EPS: 3.17p (2.75p)
Div: 1.27p (1.15p)
There was a profit of £292,000 last time. Turnover dipped to £1.29m (£1.5m). Group plans to recommend a 10% increase in final dividend.

FALCON HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £175,000
EPS: *5.3p (7.3p)*
Div: 3p (nil)
There was a profit of £237,000 last time. Turnover dropped to £3.15m *(£3.67m). Company said that new* products are being evaluated.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	1,700	MEPC	2,600	Scot Power	2,100
Abbey Natl	6,300	Caradon	1,400	Marks Spr	4,300	Sears	7,100
Alld-Lyons	2,000	Carlton Cms	1,700	NFC	34	Svrn Trent	1,500
Anglian W	2,300	Coats Vyla	1,800	NatWst Bk	5,700	Shell Trans	3,600
Argyll Gp	3,600	Cm Union	2,100	Nat Power	3,400	Siebe	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	540	Courtaulds	790	Nth Wst W	2,600	SmKl Bch	3,600
AB Foods	670	Enterpr Oil	762	Nthrn Fds	2,700	Smith Nph	884
BAA	714	Forte	4,900	P & O	2,400	Sthern Elec	1,400
BAT Inds	4,000	GRE	1,300	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	989
BOC	1,500	GUS	1,600	PowerGen	1,300	Sun Allnce	2,600
BP	7,000	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	3,700	TI Gp	1,000
BT	8,100	Gen Elec	5,500	RMC	157	TSB	3,700
BTR	8,800	Glaxo	3,600	RTZ	1,500	Tesco	5,600
Bk of Scot	3,400	Granada	593	Rank Org	1,600	Thames W	1,400
Barclays	7,000	Grand Met	3,100	Reckitt Col	1,100	Thrn EMI	1,900
Bass	3,300	Guinness	3,900	Redland	1,200	Tomkins	4,600
Blue Circle	3,500	HSBC	3,400	Reed Intl	845	Unilever	2,500
Boots	4,100	Hanson	8,200	Rentokil	483	Utd Bisc	1,100
Bowater	1,000	ICI	2,300	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	3,300
Brit Aero	1,400	Inchcape	1,500	Rolls Royce	6,200	Wrbrg (SG)	349
Brit Airwys	5,900	Kingfisher	1,300	Ryl Ins	2,400	Wellcome	4,200
Brit Gas	7,300	Ladbroke	11,000	Ryl Bk Scot	4,300	Whitbd 'A'	811
Brit Steel	9,600	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	2,800	Wlms Hld	2,900
Burmah Cstrl	648	Legal & Gn	528	Schroders	11	Wolseley	621
Cable Wire	6,900	Lloyds Bk	2,400	Scot & New	1,300	Zeneca	2,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3677.52 (+7.27)
S&P Composite 460.35 (+1.22)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avrge Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9036.02 (-134.62)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 133.5 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO 2009.6 (-39.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2027.41 (-2.59)

FT 30 share: 2328.0 (-0.2)

Brussels:
General 7062.59 (-10.49)

Paris: CAC 583.19 (-7.51)

Zurich: SKA Gen 618.80 (-1.40)

London:
FT A All-Share 1517.06 (-0.35)
FT 500 1628.51 (+2.19)
FT Gold Mines 242.9 (-4.9)
FT Fixed Interest 123.80 (-0.25)
FT Govt Secs 103.43 (-0.02)
Bargains 27509
SEAQ Volume 667.1m
USM (Datastrm) 149.18 (-0.30)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 8	November 19	February 10	February 21

Call options were taken on 23/11/93: Aminex, Amstrad, Electron House, Glenchewton, Hanson Wts, James Latham, Kewill Sys, Minmet, Molyneux, Navan Res, Selec TV, Signet, Tuskar Res. Puts: Glenchewton, Kewill Sys, Tiphook, Transfer Tech. Puts & Calls: Aminex, Amstrad, Avesco, Navan Res, SmithKline Beecham 'A'.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3063.0	3104.0	3046.0	3087.0	24762
Previous open interest: 68918	Mar 94	3081.0	3118.0	3067.5	3084.5	2036
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.54	94.72	94.54	94.61	58280
Previous open interest: 404789	Mar 94	94.74	94.86	94.73	94.80	35094
	Jun 94	94.75	94.88	94.74	94.82	11058
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.45	96.48	96.44	96.47	170
Previous open interest: 13861	Mar 94	96.34	96.35	96.34	96.37	146
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.87	93.89	93.83	93.87	41111
Previous open interest: 738557	Mar 94	94.53	94.57	94.50	94.55	42810
Long Gilt	Dec 93	114-28	115-26	114-23	115-15	118192
Previous open interest: 131893	Mar 94	114-06	115-02	114-01	114-26	7841
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.70	114.72	114.65	114.69	66
	Mar 94	114.04	114.04	113.83	113.90	1110
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	102.76	102.86	102.71	102.79	2722
Previous open interest: 23328	Mar 94	102.88	103.00	102.88	102.93	3
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.75	99.76	99.36	99.52	163928
Previous open interest: 193141	Mar 94	99.87	99.87	99.47	99.64	6234
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.24	93.33	93.23	93.33	3050
Previous open interest: 36070	Mar 94	93.94	94.01	93.94	94.00	1563
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.60	95.63	95.60	95.61	1494
Previous open interest: 57597	Mar 94	96.10	96.12	96.10	96.10	1050
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	112.30	112.32	110.45	111.54	94980
Previous open interest: 112217	Mar 94	112.30	112.30	110.70	111.69	9950

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.4 (day's range 80.9-81.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8162-2.8375	2.8344-2.8375	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.39-53.68	53.50-53.67	7-11ds	22-31ds
Copenhagen	9.9684-10.0555	10.0136-10.0443	1½-2½ds	6-7ds
Dublin	1.0480-1.0556	1.0537-1.0555	8-12ds	23-31ds
Frankfurt	2.5078-2.5268	2.5236-2.5263	par-⅛ds	⅜-⅛ds
Lisbon	255.72-258.27	257.26-258.27	102-170ds	326-380ds
Madrid	203.34-205.06	204.51-205.06	53-66ds	177-203ds
Milan	2494.50-2522.04	2510.99-2518.11	6-8ds	22-24ds
Montreal	1.9544-1.9704	1.9665-1.9704	0.35-0.28pr	0.54-0.43pr
New York	1.4756-1.4843	1.4836-1.4843	0.36-0.35pr	0.79-0.71pr
Oslo	10.9180-11.0023	10.9712-10.9972	⅜-⅛pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Paris	8.7356-8.7915	8.7792-8.7915	⅜-⅛ds	2½-3ds
Stockholm	12.3862-12.4477	12.4059-12.4414	1⅜-2⅛ds	4⅜-6⅛ds
Tokyo	159.73-161.25	160.90-161.12	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.6519-17.7893	17.7661-17.7893	⅛-⅜ds	1⅛-3ds
Zurich	2.1979-2.2161	2.2113-2.2138	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4789-1.4815
Australia dollar	2.2286-2.2319
Bahrain dinar	0.550-0.562
Brazil cruzeiro*	314.64-316.07
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.4895-8.6055
Greece drachma	356.5-363.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.4202-11.4295
India rupee	45.84-46.80
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4355-0.4455
Malaysia ringgit	3.7729-3.7778
Mexico peso	4.52-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.6965-2.7033
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4695-5.5955
Singapore dollar	2.3647-2.3678
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4462-6.5246
S Africa rand (com)	4.9662-4.9741
U A E dirham	5.3555-5.4795

Barclays Bank GTS *Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5073-1.5085
Austria	12.01-12.02
Belgium (Com)	36.26-36.30
Canada	1.3261-1.3271
Denmark	6.7845-6.7945
France	5.9265-5.9315
Germany	1.7078-1.7088
Hong Kong	7.7242-7.7252
Ireland	1.4034-1.4054
Italy	1697.8-1699.3
Japan	108.91-109.01
Malaysia	2.5519-2.5529
Netherlands	1.9162-1.9172
Norway	7.4335-7.4435
Portugal	174.05-174.35
Singapore	1.5994-1.6004
Spain	138.40-138.45
Sweden	8.395-8.415
Switzerland	1.4972-1.4982

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: *O/night high: 6* *Low 4* Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 3/16; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅜-5 5/16	5 5/16-5⅛	5⅛-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/32	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	5½-5⅜	5⅜-5¼	5 5/16-5 3/16	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
	5½-5⅜	5⅜-5¼	5 5/16-5 3/16	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛

Overnight: open 6, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 5/16	n/a	5⅛	5 5/16	5¼
Sterling CDs:	5½-5 5/16	5⅜-5 5/16	5 11/32-5 9/32	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5¼
Dollar CDs:	3.08	n/a	3.37	3.42	3.69
Building Society CDs:	5 5/16-5⅜	5 11/32-5 9/32	5⅛-5 5/16	5 5/16-5 3/16	5 3/16-5 5/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates *Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993* Scheme III: 7.06 %. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.82%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 3/16-2 15/16	3⅛-3⅛	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 1/16-2 15/16
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6 1/16-6 1/16	5⅞-5⅞	7⅛-6½
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6 11/16-6 11/16	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 1/16-6 3/16	7-6
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4 5/16-4 3/16	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2 1/16-2 1/16	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.30-377.70 Close: $376.10-376.60 High: $378.00-378.50
Low: $375.50-376.00 Krugerrand: $374.00-377.00 (£252.50-254.50)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-89.00 (£57.75-59.75) New $86.00-89.00 (£57.75-59.75)
Platinum: $375.80 (£254.25) Silver: $4.67 (£3.145) Palladium: $126.25 (£85.40)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	30½	43	49	13	24	34½
(*568)	600	9	19½	25½	45	51½	64½
Argyll	260	16½	25	29	12½	16½	23½
(*265½)	280	7	16	20½	25	29½	35½
ASDA	50	6	7½	9½	3½	5½	6½
(*51½)	60	2	4	5½	10½	12	13
Boots	500	36	48½	57	8½	16½	25½
(*522)	550	9	22½	31	35	43	51½
Br Airways	390	34	44½	51	11	16	24½
(*413½)	420	16½	29½	35½	25	30	39½
BP	330	23	29½	35½	7	12½	16
(*343)	360	8	15	21	22½	27½	31½
Br Steel	110	11½	15½	19	5	7½	10½
(*116)	120	6½	10	14	10	13	15½
C & W	450	36	37½	48	17½	29	30
(*460)	475	15	25½	34½	33	39½	44
CU	550	50	57	64	4½	14½	19
(*587½)	600	16½	26½	35½	24	37½	43
ICI	657	38½	—	—	14	—	—
(*672½)	681	25	—	—	29½	—	—
Kingfishr	650	38½	54	63	15½	25	36½
(*666½)	700	14½	29½	38½	43½	52	63½
Land Sec	700	32	48	56	14	21½	33½
(*720)	750	9½	23½	30	44	49	61½
M & S	390	27	36	40½	7½	12	18
(*406)	420	11	19½	25	22½	26½	33
Nat West	500	38½	46	53½	9½	20½	25½
(*525)	550	12	19½	29	33½	48½	53
Sainsbury	360	32	44	50½	6½	13	19½
(*385½)	390	14	26	32	20½	26½	34½
Shell	650	48½	56	63	8½	17	22
(*686½)	700	18	26½	36½	27	42½	47
Smkl Bch	390	30½	41	50½	14	23½	30
(*401½)	420	16½	27½	37½	31	39½	46½
Storehse	180	21½	25	29	3½	6	8½
(*197)	200	8	13	17½	12	15	18
Trafalgar	90	7	11½	13½	5½	7½	10½
(*92½)	100	3½	7½	9	12	14	16½
Unilever	1050	61	78	93½	17	33	41½
(*1091½)	1100	30½	49½	64½	37	58	65
Zeneca	750	42	55½	66	19	41	49
(*764½)	800	17½	30½	43½	48	70½	78
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	33	39	45½	12½	16½	21
(*385)	390	16	24	30½	28½	32½	36
Ladbroke	160	14½	17½	22	12½	15½	21½
(*160)	180	7	10½	13	25½	32½	35
Utd Bisc	330	23½	29	32½	14½	23	27
(*333½)	360	10½	14½	20½	33½	43½	49

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	900	36½	50½	71½	1	16½	27
(*933)	950	1½	25	45	21	42	51½
Thames W	500	24	35½	48½	1	7½	14
(*522)	550	1	11	21½	30	33½	38½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	475	19½	37	—	1½	15	—
(*490½)	500	2	23½	28½	13½	27½	39½
BTR	330	21	31	35	1	8	12½
(*348½)	360	1	14	18	13	22	27½
Br Aero	390	28	49½	57½	1	21	29
(*414½)	420	3½	33	42½	9	36	44½
Br Telcm	420	40½	43	48½	1	4½	7½
(*458½)	460	2½	15½	24	4	20½	24
Cadbury	414	37	46½	49½	1	6	13
(*446½)	453	2	19½	24½	8	19½	30½
Guinness	420	17½	33½	41½	1	14	23
(*433½)	460	1	14	21½	28½	36	40½
GEC	330	5	17	24	1½	13½	16½
(*333)	360	1	5½	11	29	33½	35½
Hanson	260	18½	21½	25	1	5½	8½
(*277)	280	1	10	14½	4½	14	18
LASMO	130	5½	16	19	1	8½	13
(*134)	140	1	11	13½	7½	14½	18½
Lucas	160	15½	22½	25½	1	6½	9½
(*173½)	180	1	10	15	8½	16½	19½
Pilkingtn	140	14	17½	21½	1	6½	8½
(*151)	160	1	7	12	—	17½	19½
Prudential	300	31½	38	41	1	3½	8½
(*329½)	330	3	17½	22	3½	14	22
Redland	500	47	61	68	1	8½	20½
(*543½)	550	3	29½	38	8	28	44½
Royal Ins	269	14½	25	—	1	8½	—
(*281½)	288	1	14	—	8½	17½	—
Tesco	180	16	23½	27½	1	6	11
(*194)	200	1	11½	17	8½	15	22½
Vodafone	500	30½	52	68	1	20½	29½
(*527)	550	1½	27	44	23½	47½	56
Williams	300	22	31	35½	1	7	12½
(*320)	330	1	13½	18	12	19½	28½

FT-SE INDEX (*3069½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Dec	141	100	67	40	23	12
Jan	166	129	99	72	50	35
Feb	185	149	119	91	68	50
Mar	200	167	135	106	83	61
Jun	—	202	—	142	—	95
Puts						
Dec	21	32	50	77	111	156
Jan	45	58	77	101	132	168
Feb	56	71	89	113	142	175
Mar	68	85	104	125	153	183
Jun	—	117	—	154	—	198

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Natl	390	19	29½	33½	5½	16	21
(*401½)	420	4½	14	18½	23	34	37½
Amstrad	40	6	8½	11½	1½	3½	4½
(*44½)	45	3	6½	8½	3½	6	7
Barclays	500	53	64½	69	2	11	17
(*547)	550	15	31½	38½	16½	31	38
Blue Circ	300	21½	32	36½	4½	12	20½
(*313½)	330	5	16½	22	22	27½	37
Br Gas	300	26	33	37	1½	6	10
(*322)	330	5½	14½	19	13	17½	25
Dixons	260	18	27	34	6½	15½	20
(*270)	280	7½	17½	23½	16½	25½	30
Forte	220	15	24½	27½	4½	11	16
(*230½)	240	4½	14½	17	15	21½	27½
Hillsdwn	140	16	22	24	2	6	11
(*151½)	160	3½	11	13½	11½	16	22½
Lonrho	130	13½	19	23	3	8½	10½
(*139½)	140	7	14	—	—	13½	16
Sears	110	11	15	16½	1½	5	5½
(*118½)	120	4	8½	11	5	9	11
Thrn Eml	900	32½	53½	70½	15½	39½	44½
(*914)	950	9½	30	47	44½	65	72
Tomkins	220	9½	17½	22½	9½	12	15
(*224)	240	2½	9	13½	19	24½	27
TSB	200	16½	21	24	2½	8	11
(*212)	220	4	10½	14½	12	19	21
Wellcome	600	39	64½	77	13½	37½	42
(*622½)	650	15½	39½	52½	41	58	67½
	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	56½	78	99½	7½	30	39½
(*643½)	650	24½	51	70	26½	54½	64½
HSBC	700	36½	62	73	13	41½	50
(*720½)	750	12	36½	49	39½	70	78
Reuter	1550	71	120	152½	24	69	86
(*1584)	1600	42	94½	125½	45	91	110½
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	156	12½	17	—	3½	8	—
(*162½)	176	3	8	—	16	20	—
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	130	15½	23½	26½	3	7½	13
(*139½)	140	9½	18	21	6½	12	18
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	600	5	26	38½	3½	24	30
(*602)	650	1	8	17	50	58½	62
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	390	23	34	40½	3½	11	17
(*407)	420	7	17½	24½	18	25	31½
Scot Pwr	390	29	35	42½	2	8½	11
(*414)	420	7½	18	25	13	21½	24½

November 23, 1993 Tot: 46988 Call: 21906 Put: 25082 FT-SE Call: 7989 Put: 10912
* Underlying security price

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa was the most active soft market, with worries about rising political tensions in the Ivory Coast *dominating talk. However while traders debate events* overseas, LCE cocoa spreads have come under pressure. Indeed the collapse of the March-May spread has come in from 20 pounds premium to a small discount, suggesting that fears of supply tightness have almost completely been eroded.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	968-967	Mar	993-992
Mar	1013-1012	May	996-995
May	1015-1014	Jul	999-998
Jul	1015-1013	Sep	1004-1002
Sep	1013-1012		
Dec	995-994		Volume 9719

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1280-1270	Jul	1218-1215
Jan	1276-1275	Sep	1218-1210
Mar	1245-1244	Nov	1222-1210
May	1218-1216		Volume 2284

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.75-10.85
Spot 259.2		Jan	unq
Mar	10.45-10.55	Mar	unq
May	10.75-10.82	May	unq
Jul	10.97-11.07		Volume 57

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	270.5-69.3
Spot 286.4		Dec	270.5-68.8
Mar	277.2-76.8	Mar	273.1-69.8
May	278.7-77.8	May	276.6-71.8
Aug	283.0-81.5		Volume 265

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	69.77	86.93	118.58
(+/-)	-0.01	+1.17	+0.46
Eng/Wales:	69.92	87.55	116.09
(+/-)	-0.47	+1.54	-0.44
(%)	+0.1	+19	-14.2
Scotland:	69.02	84.92	124.98
(+/-)	+1.87	+0.16	+1.99
(%)	-13.1	+23.9	-2.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	—	unq	Mar	unq	
Sep	—	unq		Volume 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	98.25
Jan	100.30
Mar	101.90
May	103.80
Jun	105.00
	Volume: 297

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	102.15
Jan	104.00
Mar	105.90
May	107.75
Sep	93.25
	Volume: 16

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	102.5
Apr	90.0	88.3
May	unq	104.3
	Volume: 43	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec 60.50-61.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With the Iraq/UN talks apparently making headway, crude levels eased.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.30	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.50	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.70	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	16.85	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.10	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	170 (n/c)	172 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	166 (-2)	168 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	170 (-2)	171 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	171 (-2)	173 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	151 (-1)	153 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Dec	165.00-65.25	Mar	160.75-61.00
Jan	163.25-63.50	Apr	159.25-59.50
Feb	162.50 SLR	May	158.75-59.00
			Vol: 13968

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	15.70 SLR	Apr	16.25-16.27
Feb	15.91-15.92	May	16.38-16.40
Mar	16.10-16.12		Vol: 25741

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	159.00-63.00	Mar	165.00-74.75
Jan	163.75-65.00	Apr	168.75-80.75
Feb	163.00-70.75		Vol: 280

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	1270	1268	1270
Dec 93	1265	1255	1265
Jan 94	1275	1256	1268
Apr 94	1295	1276	1273

Vol: 145 lots. Open int'st: 2633 Index 1280 -4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

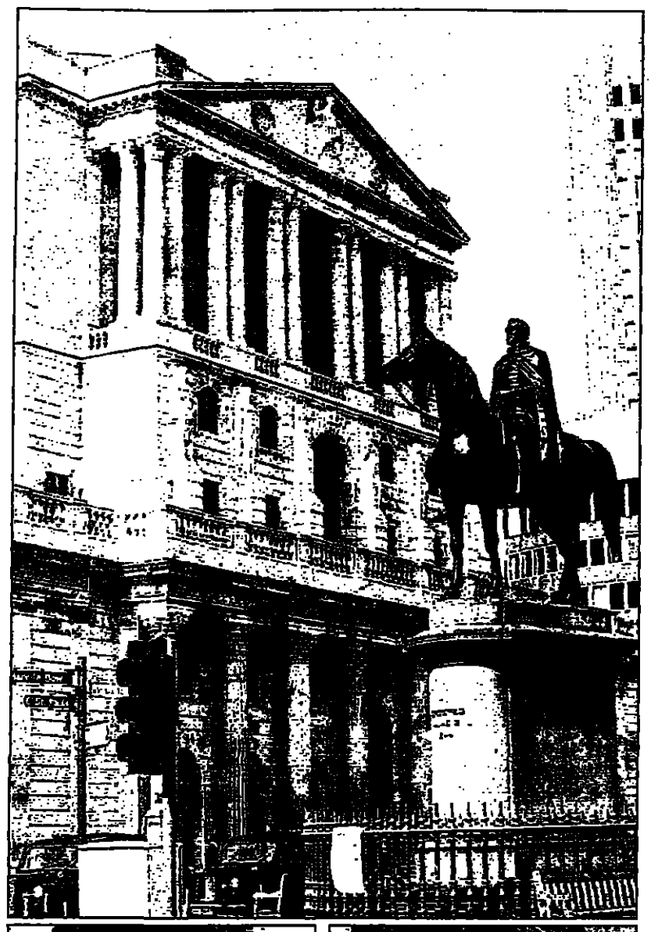
	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1640.0-1640.5	1663.5-1664.0	992025
Lead ($/tonne)	400.00-400.50	414.00-414.50	101800
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	919.00-919.50	937.00-937.50	375200
Tin ($/tonne)	4615.0-4620.0	4665.0-4670.0	8600
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1057.0-1058.0	1078.0-1078.5	679700
Nickel ($/tonne)	4700.0-4705.0	4765.0-4770.0	71172

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Time not yet ripe to talk of Bank independence

Janet Bush argues that speculation over the timing of the latest interest rate cut should not be granted excessive significance







Kenneth Clarke decided on the cut after consulting the Bank's Eddie George

Top officials, whether in the lobby, the Treasury or the Bank of England, were at pains yesterday to divert attention away from the main event. Nameless officials rushed to pass on to journalists their spin on the apparently significant decision to leave the precise timing of interest rate changes to the Bank of England.

Speculation raged yesterday, after the Bank announced a half-point cut in the minimum lending rate to 5.5 per cent, that its new control over the timing represented another, albeit modest, step towards independence from political control.

The announcement took on an additional piquancy because it came just a week after Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, appeared to be rather agnostic on the entire subject of independence at the CBI conference and therefore to be casually resistant to the intensifying debate.

The disappointing decision to cut by only 0.5 per cent, rather than the full point the markets had been expecting on or around Budget day, was yesterday's significant news. The issue of timing is a sideshow that says more about the presentation rather than the substance of policy.

The official line yesterday was that the Bank's new discretion is heavily circumscribed and that the discretion over timing is only about days rather than weeks: the decision to cut rates was apparently taken last week by the Chancellor, after the usual consultation with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and Treasury officials. The Chancellor has always had the last word on such decisions — and still does.

There is another reason yesterday's announcement suggests a less than radical shift of power towards the Bank.

That is that the men and women of Threadneedle Street have always had some limited discretion over the timing of rate changes. As the institution with the closest day-to-day contacts with the financial markets, it has always been part of the Bank's brief to advise the government what day, what hour, would ensure the best market reaction.

This can be measured in terms of the current volatility of markets, whether sterling looks as if it is going up or down, whether the Bank is trying to sell billions of pounds' worth of government bonds the next day or, as was said yesterday, because "it was a quiet day".

The "quiet day" on which the Bank chose to exercise its new discretion happened to be almost equidistant between last Wednesday, when a surprisingly encouraging set of inflation figures was released, and Budget day next Tuesday. The Bank made it clear that the decision reflected the improved medium-term inflation outlook and took the Budget *fully* into account.

Officials made it clear that the word "fully" was significant and precludes another rate cut on Budget day as a sweetener for what many believe will be a tough tax-raising (and even expenditure-cutting) Budget. If, as the Whitehall press machine suggested, the Bank's new discretion is measured in days, it seems that the Chancellor himself decided against a rate cut next Tuesday that would have had even more public relations impact with the electorate.

Whether Mr Clarke or Eddie George ruled on this, Norman Lamont's resignation lament about politicised interest rate policy has finally been answered. The Bank of England will certainly be pleased. Remember the last time rates were cut, on January 26?

The timing, the day before a huge auction of government bonds, caused a furore in the City and fury at the Bank of England. Gilt-edged dealers were estimated to have lost £20 million and Bank insiders reported that they had scarcely been given any notice of the government's decision. It was also widely assumed that Mr Lamont's call for an independent Bank of England and an end to the political timing of rate cuts partly reflected this debacle.

There is no doubt that an increasingly assertive central bank, under the feisty stewardship of Mr George, its new governor, will have exerted considerable behind-doors pressure on the new Chancellor to avoid this kind of embarrassment in future; yesterday's announcement seems to be the result. Downing Street officials said that the decision had been taken some time ago in a bilateral meeting between Mr Clarke and John Major.

There was scepticism in the City about whether the Bank yesterday *achieved very much, if at all, in its* increasingly public campaign for independence. Economists at Chase Manhattan Bank in London are clear: "What is more likely is that the Treasury has come up with this measure to head off the debate about Bank of England independence without really changing things at all. One could argue that the Bank has always been in charge of the precise timing of interest rate cuts, being the executor of monetary policy."

There is certainly evidence that the Chancellor is trying to lower expectations that the Bank of England will be made independent, using a policy of gradual concessions such as the timing question as well as allowing the Bank's quarterly *Inflation Report* to go through "unvetted". But is there a risk that the Treasury, in this process, gives up some degree of genuine control over the setting of monetary policy?

At a very basic level, some in the City believe that the relative inexperience of the Chancellor means that Mr Clarke may be happy to rely more heavily on *the advice coming from Threadneedle* Street. Stephen Lewis, of the London Bond Broking Company, commented yesterday: "Mr Clarke knows that he is not a master of market manipulation. The Bank is bound to have a lot of input into decision-making."

Perhaps of more significance is the fact that the first occasion when the Bank of England was given its discretion over timing was so close to a Budget. By all accounts, both Mr Clarke and Mr George were keen to separate the two major "economic events" by a significant number of days.

Mr Clarke may have been motivated partly by a desire to avoid charges of playing politics on Budget day, partly by a wish to appear to be as tough and uncompromising as possible in tackling the public sector deficit to impress his huge audience in the financial markets.

The Bank, however, has another agenda. By distancing the interest rate cut from the tax and spending decisions to be announced on Tuesday, the Bank has, presentationally at least, made a start in breaking the link between monetary and fiscal policy in which one, properly, can be used to counterbalance the other. One key plank of the campaign towards independence has always been that interest rate policy should be determined largely by the aim of price stability, subordinating what is happening in the real economy to this aim.

That shift of perception — and genuine independence for the Bank — remains some way off, despite yesterday's public relations sop. It was made clear that the rate cut came because of lower rates in Europe, inflation *and* whatever is in the Budget. And, aye, there's the rub.

TEMPUS

Crown of Thorn's

SIR Colin Southgate complains that the City does not understand Thorn EMI and fails to appreciate the strength of the core music and rental business, but in truth it has been extremely patient. Thorn has been promising to dispose of peripheral interests for almost four years but the defence and security business are still there and show little sign of moving. The £14.7 million half-year loss from the technology businesses suggests the group should have sold defence to GEC after all, even at the knock-down price Lord Weinstock finally offered.

At least Sir Colin's plea that investors should give the group the benefit of the doubt *carries some weight now he has proved the* value of Virgin Music. The group was universally condemned for paying too much early last year. But the £36.5 million profit Virgin made in the first half put Virgin on a p/e ratio of less than 11 on its £510 million purchase price, suggesting it was a bargain.

Despite this, Thorn's shares have performed badly since the defence sale talks were abandoned in August and they are now beset by a ring of worries. These include the MMC's enquiry into CD prices, the rate of the decline in the rental business, the continuing poor performance of Rumbelows and the risk of federal legislation against the US rent-to-own industry which would hit Rent-a-Center. Dividend concerns are the latest drag on the shares, given Sir Colin's new determination to restore cover to two times. In time, Thorn can *answer all these points but it will not earn the* premium rating it thinks a music business deserves until it is a pure music business. Given the past pace of events, that could take years.

Allied-Lyons

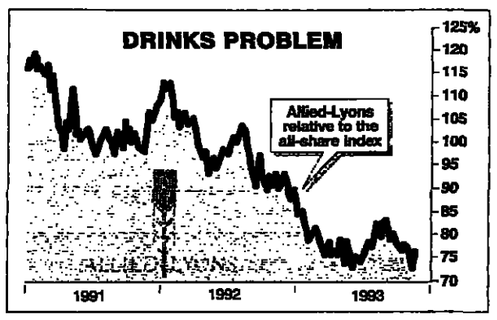
THE performance of the new Carlsberg-Tetley brewing joint venture is so obscured in Allied's figures that the assumption must be that the figures are truly awful.

Allied concedes privately that its targets for the venture were missed by 20 per cent. On the roughest calculation, perhaps a third of brewing profits disappeared as cheaper competitors cut Allied out of existing contracts while management fretted over the merger. Volumes fell 7 per cent, against a market off 3 per cent, although Allied hopes to maintain market share in the second half.

Total brewing and wholesaling trading profits went ahead £6 million to £63 million, part coming from other sources; meanwhile, the £19 million increase in minority payments further down the profit and loss account to £37 million is presumably Carlsberg's share of the venture's profits.

The indifferent summer did not seem to hamper the pubs side, however, since Allied had the advantage of blaming the government for forcing it to sell some of the worst performers which boosted its take per pub.

Most market estimates, stripped of the £21 million recorded book loss from Château Latour, are around the £680 million mark, putting the shares on a clean forward multiple of about 14. The 4.8 per cent prospective yield will provide support, but further progress will need proof of some recovery in the second half.



Northern Foods

NORTHERN Foods' experience shows that a food manufacturer can survive amid the crossfire of the supermarkets price war, but it needs a stout tin helmet to do so. The most optimistic feature of the group's half-year figures is the increase in sales and profits by Fox's Biscuits, which shows that a strong brand can survive even the most aggressive price-cutting among the private labels.

The group's operating margins are clearly under some pressure in many places, particularly in the dairy division, which is having to invest heavily to keep up with the accelerated decline of doorstep milk deliveries and the rise of supermarket sales. But they are holding firm in other areas, such as the convenience food division, on the back of a modest rise in sales.

Given a reasonable Christmas, Northern should be able to continue edging profits ahead, despite the price pressures and sluggish sales growth in the industry. But this assumes that the supermarkets will not intensify their competition early next year. If they do, even food manufacturers with the most defensive portfolios may find themselves being stripped of margins they have worked hard to maintain through operating efficiencies.

Vodafone

ANYONE looking for wounds from the new competition in the mobile phone industry would not find them in Vodafone's half-year figures. Admittedly, the operating margin fell 4.4 percentage points to 43.3 per cent, but this appears to have been caused by the £13 million cost of the group's new investments in Greece and Australia. Otherwise, the group's return on capital continues to rise and its confidence for the future is demonstrated by a 20 per cent rise in dividend.

All basic laws of business suggest this happy state cannot last for ever. The heavily marketed price initiatives by Vodafone and its competitors have been little more than opening salvos. The pressure on prices will intensify, particularly when Microtel, the Hutchison Whampoa/BAe joint venture, launches its PCN network in April. Real competition may take longer to bite into a company's performance than a regulatory price formulae, but the ultimate effect is just as painful.

As a result, Vodafone's shares have never recovered their formers highs since the launch of Mercury one-2-one in September. The company still has tremendous growth potential and is now proving that it can invest its excess cash flow. But even bulls of the stock should wait until Microtel's launch before chasing the stock.

BTR

AS BTR signs off yet another disposal, the suspicion must be growing that it is searching for its next big move. The sale of Summers Group for $120 million is hardly noteworthy on its own in the context of the group's size. But combined with the group's enhanced scrip dividend and next year's £350 million flotation of Graham Builders Merchants, it will cut the group's gearing to below 40 per cent. When BTR does buy, it will buy big.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bells in tune at Westminster

SIR Tim Bell, former image consultant to Baroness Thatcher, is launching a fresh assault on Westminster. Sir Tim, who was knighted for his services to the Conservative party, is setting up a new political lobbying consultancy, Lowe Bell Government Relations, which aims to use its influence to put blue chip company directors in touch with the ministers who count. And to show he really means business, he has found a powerful weapon in Kevin Bell, the highly respected political lobbyist, who unexpectedly quit Westminster Strategy last month and has been busy sounding out new opportunities. Bell, who is on a trip to Hong Kong, has been signed up for a reputed package of £100,000 plus car. Discussions with Financial Dynamics, the City PR firm, over a similar political venture came to nothing. Sir Tim, together with Stephen Sherborne, Lady Thatcher's former political secretary, fly home from Johannesburg tonight, after holding talks with President de Klerk. Lowe Bell Communications has been appointed to advise the National Party in the run-up to next April's general election.

China watching

THE approach of 1997, with all that it means to Hong Kong, is being watched nervously by Sotheby's, the fine art house, which has been doing a roaring trade in Chinese ceramics and Ming imperial porcelain. It is not clear whether works of art — and antiques in particular — will be freely exportable from the colony after the handover, or whether China will extend its ban on the export of antiques. If the authorities clamp down, Sotheby's has threatened to base itself elsewhere in the region after more than 20 years. "If the second case happens, we can't continue our business in Hong Kong," says Julian Thompson, director for South East Asia. "On the other hand, if Hong Kong is still free, from an export point of view, there's no reason at all why we shouldn't be flourishing after 1997."

ONE of the Abbey National's senior financial planning consultants is A. Crook. To make matters worse, the poor man's middle name is Robin.

Ton-up Stapleton

NIGEL Stapleton, chief financial officer of Reed Elsevier and a member of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, is to be the new chairman of The Hundred Group of Finance Directors from January 1. He succeeds Michael Lawrence, who is retiring to take up his new role as chief executive of the Stock Exchange. Stapleton, 47, will take the helm of a group that includes more than 95 per cent of finance directors of FT-SE 100 companies. "There are many important issues still to be tackled," he says. Elsewhere, the former John Govett futures team of Adam Parkin, Robert Dawkins and James Palmer, have set up a derivative fund management operation for LCF Edmond de Rothschild, London, the local arm of a Swiss financial group. Jonathon Hughes-Morgan joins them from Odey Asset Management. And UBS has appointed Philip Wylie as a Zurich-based corporate finance director and M&A specialist in the automotive industry.

Game of the name

THE new Broomball League kicks off at Broadgate today — and the choice of team names are as colourful as ever. More than 100 City firms are set to compete for the Exco Challenge Cup over the next four months, including Canadian Imperial Bank's Maple Syrups, the College *Hillbillies* from College Hill PR, The Ice Holes from Lehman Brothers, Ricardo's Rockets from Bankers Trust, and The Undertakers from Goldman Sachs. Solicitors' entries include The Budgies from Bird & Bird and Bedknobs and Broomsticks from DJ Freeman. Legal & General Investment Management has a team called LGI shambles, and Morgan Grenfell's bunch call themselves Dulwich Paternity Clinic. Names aside, Broomball packs the speed and aggression of ice hockey, but is played in soft shoes rather than skates — with predictably chaotic results. The game originated in Russia where teams played on the frozen streets of Moscow and St Petersburg . . . using inflated bladders and human skulls wrapped in cloth on the end of sticks.

FIRST Taurus. Now Crest. And what about Topic? One would expect the Stock Exchange to be up to speed with news of the surprise cut in base rates, but it did not appear so. Reuters, which prides itself on being quick off the mark, broke news of the cut at 9.46 am. The Press Association followed at 9.51. And Topic ambled in at 9.58. The SE said the Bank of England notified Reuter and Topic at the same time, but it took a while for Topic's company news section to pick it up from the Bank's pages.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Grofund Euro	185.40	195.10	- 3.20	...
Grofund Expt Bal	113.40	117.50	-22.10	1.17
Grofund Gilt	80.08	82.56	- 0.47	4.65
Grofund Japan	163.80	172.40†	- 0.90	...

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General Acc	500.40	532.40	+ 0.30	2.37
General Inc	450.80	479.60	+ 0.20	2.37
UK Growth Acc	338.40	360.10†	+ 0.30	2.58
UK Growth Inc	237.00	252.20†	+ 0.30	2.58
Higher Inc Acc	635.10	675.70†	- 1.40	3.60
Higher Inc Inc	379.60	404.10†	- 0.60	3.60
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	190.30	202.50†	+ 0.30	5.68
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	97.37	102.80	+ 0.10	5.68
Nth America	259.80	276.40†	- 6.70	...
Far East	330.60	351.70†	- 3.70	0.08
Europe	251.80	267.40	- 3.50	0.98
Brit Excel	68.13	72.48†	- 0.02	2.64
Brit Fndmntl Acc	56.82	100.00	- 0.38	4.40
Brit Fndmntl Inc	73.48	78.18	- 0.05	4.40
Global Opps	80.85	86.02†	- 1.13	0.03
Balanced Acc	81.73	93.06†	- 0.06	2.45
Balanced Inc	51.36	54.54†	- 0.08	2.45

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High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	137.70	146.00	- 0.50	5.48
High Int Equity	158.90	169.00†	- 1.40	4.66
Worldwide Bond	274.20	290.80†	- 0.60	3.61
Capital Growth				
American Growth	266.40	317.00	- 5.40	1.00
Asian Pacific	334.30	355.60	- 3.80	.26
Assets & Earnings	238.10	254.60†	- 2.20	2.14
Comdty & Energy	110.30	117.50	+ 0.10	.47
'1992 Enterprise'	86.25	92.24	- 0.78	2.08
Euro Capital Inc	116.30	124.30	- 2.70	.78
General	217.80	231.70	- 3.00	2.35
Japan	116.40	124.40†	- 0.70	...
Mastertrust	133.40	139.40	- 1.60	1.33
UK Growth Dist	123.00	130.80†	- 0.70	2.19
US Emerging Cos	124.40	132.30	- 3.40	...
Income & Growth	367.30	390.70†	- 3.50	3.36
Ethical	68.94	73.33	- 0.35	2.48
International	105.00	111.70	- 1.30	.45
Dividend & Growth	60.16	63.99	- 0.45	4.39
Global Growth & Inc	64.02	68.10	- 0.07	2.79

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031 220 0733

UK Small Cos	1563.0	1634.0	..	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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0800 833 588

Aberdeen Portfolio	58.88	60.05	- 0.26	0.83
Amer Inc & Growth	44.83	47.30†	- 0.01	0.66
Cash	50.48	50.48	+ 0.01	5.12
European	94.93	100.70	- 1.39	...
European Income	91.80	97.59†	- 0.86	1.54
Exempt	958.60	1002.3†	- 1.40	3.81
Extra Income	50.05	54.48	- 0.14	4.83
Far East Emg Eco	*110.30*	*119.40*	- *0.53*	*5.43*
Fixed Interest	24.28	25.92	+ 0.02	7.12
Fund Inv Tst	160.20	171.00†	- 0.40	0.99
Japan	190.70	203.20	- 1.60	...
Latin American	64.02	68.10	+ 0.14	0.74
Pacific	71.78	76.88	- 0.43	0.35
Property Share	68.75	73.39	- 0.07	1.79
UK Emerging Cos	61.33	65.46	- 0.26	1.90
UK Growth	42.57	45.83†	- 0.01	2.57
World Growth	71.16	75.95†	- 0.30	0.72
Ethical	62.21	66.41	- 0.12	2.67
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	54.81	54.81	- 0.14	7.45

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
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UK Equity Income	90.32	96.09	- 0.07	3.49
UK Equity Growth	79.98	85.09†	- 0.20	2.77
European	61.60	65.53†	- 0.40	1.50
Nth American	67.45	71.75†	- 0.30	1.02
Far Eastern	64.21	68.31†	- 0.87	0.29
Money	64.85	64.85	+ 0.01	8.65
Fixed Interest	72.88	77.53	- 0.03	6.01
Index Linked Gilt	66.37	72.63	- 0.31	1.39

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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031 560 2233

British Growth	64.82	68.96†	- 0.53	2.73
British Income	75.00	79.79†	- 0.75	3.50
Select Portfolio	81.62	86.83†	- 1.24	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
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0452 305 958

Amity Income	74.26	78.79	- 0.14	2.07
Income Builder Inc	66.25	70.48	- 0.39	2.86

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 640 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	232.20	248.20†	- 0.50	3.03
Capital	393.30	420.40†	- 0.90	1.90
Balanced	668.30	714.40	- 1.50	3.40
Accumulator	1191.0	1273.0†	- 1.00	2.96
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.09	53.54	- 0.24	3.04
High Income	408.40	436.50	- 0.90	3.62
Equity Income	231.00	246.90	...	3.50
High Yield	251.40	268.70†	- 0.70	3.50
Govt Securities	34.15	36.04†	+ 0.01	4.97
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	134.30	143.50	- 1.40	0.30
European Growth	31.05	32.97	- 0.31	0.73
International	150.20	160.30	- 1.40	0.37
Japan	190.90	203.80	- 1.40	0.01
Pacific	383.70	410.10	- 5.50	0.24
Secs of America	420.50	447.50†	- 3.90	0.55
Wwide Asset Val	43.88	46.89	- 0.40	0.30
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	509.40	544.50†	+ 0.80	2.28
Comy & Gilt	46.56	49.77	- 0.02	4.08
Smaller Cos	163.60	174.80	- 0.50	1.27
2nd Smaller Cos	155.00	165.60	- 0.50	1.28
Recovery	133.70	142.90†	- 0.40	2.04
Met Min & City	141.30	151.00†	- 1.10	0.98
Overs Earnings	331.10	353.90	- 1.80	...
Technology	153.40	163.90†	- *1.40*	*0.05*
UK Special Sits	426.00	455.30	...	2.03

ARKWRIGHT MANAGEMENT
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Growth	130.50	138.70†	- 0.90	2.01
Income	73.03	77.70	+ 0.01	4.40
European	54.12	57.58†	+ 0.48	0.86
Recovery	126.40	134.50	- 0.20	2.05

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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Council Oat Fund	97.51	101.30†	...	1.45
Founders Pens Fund	62.54	64.94†	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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Capital	69.98	74.44	- 0.09	3.08
International	61.21	65.11	...	0.52

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
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031 222 4242

America	295.40	318.30†	- 6.30	...
Bond	123.50	129.90†	- 0.40	6.06
Brit Smlr Cos	92.05	97.93	- 0.02	1.03
Conv & Gen	59.71	63.72†	- 0.22	5.50
Energy	446.00	484.50†	- 7.30	0.25
Europe	204.40	217.60†	- 2.30	1.07
Euro Smlr Cos	92.52	98.05	- 0.91	0.99
Income Growth	335.10	357.80†	- 1.70	4.29
Japan	318.30	338.80	- 1.60	...
Japan Smlr Cos	151.70	161.40	- 0.80	...
UK Emalr Cos	47.05	50.03	- 0.12	1.08
Japan Fd	724.50	746.20	- 3.40	...
Mngd Pd	166.80	177.20	- 0.90	2.74

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
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Int & Overs	281.80	296.40	- 1.40	1.19
Capital Growth	111.50	117.40	- 0.40	2.51
Wwide Opps	183.40	193.10	- 0.60	0.49

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
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Balanced Trusts

Bist Inv Fd Inc	331.80	348.70†	- 3.10	2.87
European Bd Inc	99.80	103.30	- 0.60	7.23
Exempt	73.63	78.34†	- 0.77	4.13
Financial Inc	30.31	75.20†	- 0.48	1.50
500.00	426.60	457.40	- 3.10	2.60
General	260.70	278.80	- 2.30	2.65
Property	345.80	363.60	...	6.04
Trustee	176.40	188.60	- 1.90	2.47
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†	...	4.84
Extra Income	113.90	121.80†	- 1.00	4.31
Gilt & Fxd Int	81.50	87.10	- 0.16	7.93
Income	535.00	556.00	- 4.50	4.15
Income Builder	64.27	68.37	- 0.48	4.85
Intl Income	66.19	70.41	- 0.76	2.94
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	113.50	120.30	- 1.30	2.73
Leisure	106.60	114.00	- 1.00	1.70
Recovery	388.70	415.70	- 3.30	2.75
Smlr Cos Inc	38.77	41.38	- 0.17	2.28
Special Sits	*256.40*	*274.20*	- *2.90*	*2.10*
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	129.20	137.10†	- 2.10	0.23
Aust Acc	227.70	242.20	- 3.30	1.49
Aust Inc	143.60	152.80	- 2.00	1.49
Euro Growth Inc	128.40	136.60	- 1.80	0.47
Japan & Gen Inc	175.20	185.50	- 0.90	...
Japan Spec Sits	76.13	80.65	- 0.38	...
Univ Tech Inc	71.48	75.96	- 0.82	0.51
Worldwide	163.80	173.90	- 1.80	0.41

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American Growth	96.88	102.90	- 2.00	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	126.30	135.00	- 3.00	...
Cash Trust	50.19	50.19†	+ 0.01	5.60
Convertibles	57.20	61.11†	- 0.07	6.20
Eastern	125.00	132.80	- 2.30	1.60
Equity Income	89.36	95.06†	- 0.68	5.60
European Growth	264.00	280.70	- 1.00	1.50
Europe	181.80	194.00	- 0.90	1.50
German Growth	72.45	77.14	- 0.27	0.70
Global Bond	69.73	73.61	- 0.36	5.30
Global Growth	119.30	127.60	- 2.30	...
Japan Growth	194.40	208.80	- 1.60	...
Japan Smaller	168.80	180.70	- 0.90	...
Korea Trust	61.65	66.09	- 0.66	...
Portfolio	128.50	137.30	- 0.80	3.20
UK Growth	88.96	94.63	- 0.73	2.83
UK Smaller Cos	89.61	95.83†	- 0.39	1.90
Select Managers	71.81	76.84	- 0.47	2.00

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American Growth	96.88	102.90	- 2.00	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	126.30	135.00	- 3.00	...
Cash Trust	50.19	50.19†	+ 0.01	5.60
Convertibles	57.20	61.11†	- 0.07	6.20
Eastern	125.00	132.80	- 2.30	1.60
Equity Income	89.36	95.06†	- 0.68	5.60
European Growth	264.00	280.70	- 1.00	1.50
Europe	181.80	194.00	- 0.90	1.50
German Growth	72.45	77.14	- 0.27	0.70
Global Bond	69.73	73.61	- 0.36	5.30
Global Growth	119.30	127.60	- 2.30	...
Japan Growth	194.40	208.80	- 1.60	...
Japan Smaller	168.80	180.70	- 0.90	...
Korea Trust	61.65	66.09	- 0.66	...
Portfolio	128.50	137.30	- 0.80	3.20
UK Growth	88.96	94.63	- 0.73	2.83
UK Smaller Cos	89.61	95.83†	- 0.39	1.90
Select Managers	71.81	76.84	- 0.47	2.00

BARRUGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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Short Dated Gilt	69.27	70.21	- 0.03	4.97

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Environ	141.50	150.60	- 0.90	1.51
UK Growth	155.60	165.60	- 1.20	2.08
UK Income	130.60	139.00†	- 0.90	4.04

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Can Gen Dist	180.70	191.50	- 0.20	1.88
-do- Income Dist	109.10	115.60†	- 0.20	4.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.88	46.52	- 0.23	5.98

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
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American & Gen	141.70	150.80	- 2.00	0.01
European Inc	71.96	76.14	- 0.57	0.72
Far East & Gen	64.80	68.94	- 0.50	...
Smaller Cos (4-1)	74.08	78.81	- 0.13	1.80
Growth	403.30	431.40	- 1.20	2.24
Income & Growth	404.00	429.80	- 0.10	3.55
Master Portfolio	10283	10675†	-69.0000	2.02
Special Sits	92.99	98.93	+ 0.32	2.18
High Yield	1287.0	1327.0†	- 1.00	4.09

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
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American Gwth Tst	37.08	39.65†	- 0.46	0.93
Cash Income	50.04	50.04†	+ 0.01	5.40
European Gwth	36.17	38.57	- 0.56	0.91
Income & Gwth Inc	27.02	28.89	- 0.04	4.28
Intnl Gwth	30.68	32.81	- 0.26	0.78
Japan Gwth	26.49	28.33	- 0.16	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.28	50.56	- 0.56	0.52
Oriental Opps Inc	142.70	153.60	- 3.20	0.64
Property Shares	40.96	43.37	+ 0.06	1.87
Smaller Cos	28.84	30.84†	- 0.17	1.72
UK Growth Tst	34.30	25.98	- 0.03	2.90
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.89	74.74	- 0.46	1.72
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.58	69.06†	- 0.07	2.48
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
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European Inc	34.05	25.85	- 0.51	0.41
European Acc	24.93	26.81	- 0.53	...
Financial	141.70	151.50	- 1.60	2.66
Foundation	83.74	89.56	- 0.59	2.80
German	50.03	53.38	- 0.96	0.07
High Income	76.36	81.66	- 0.08	6.25
Income	131.60	140.70†	- 0.60	3.89
Intl Growth	36.86	39.20†	- 0.68	0.16
Managed Pfolio Inc	97.50	104.20	- 0.80	1.70
Managed Pfolio Acc	185.50	198.30	- 1.40	...
Monthly Income	76.21	81.16	- 0.28	3.98
North American	109.80	117.40	- 1.80	0.15
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Cazenove Portfolio	78.98	84.48	- 0.21	2.36
American Portfolio	89.59	95.31	- 0.38	0.96
European Portfolio	83.84	89.47	- 0.88	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	63.11	67.34	- 0.28	...
Pacific Portfolio	133.86	143.04	- 1.76	0.82
UK Inc & Growth	71.23	76.31	- 0.16	4.14
Utility & Bond	56.20	56.87†	- 0.23	6.27

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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UK General Tst	63.23	67.25	+ 0.04	2.98
Global Tst	58.03	61.73	- 0.36	0.31
Recovery Tst	*65.62*	*69.80*	+ *0.02*	*1.89*

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Intl Growth	133.12	139.78	...	1.78
UK Growth	104.72	110.23	...	2.42
UK Income	108.77	112.11	...	4.33

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
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Beckenham Intl	90.04	95.13	...	1.76
Beck Blo-Tech	43.38	46.15	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.56	162.70	...	1.14
City Fin Assets	86.50	70.00†	...	1.75
City Fin America	82.02	86.34	...	...
City Fin Intl	73.28	79.24†	...	0.59
City Fin Japan	166.19	174.94	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	257.60	271.16	...	2.40
Friars Hse Inc	193.26	203.43†	...	5.01
Buckley Wrld Gth	129.77	138.08	...	0.73
Fairmin Cap Gth	132.35	139.32†	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	109.23	114.98†	...	2.24
Fairmount Intl	148.74	156.57†	...	...
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American Gwth	56.37	60.29	- 1.38	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.59	39.13	- 0.47	0.16
Dragon Growth	68.96	74.82	- 0.53	0.00
Equity High Inc	81.08	86.03	- 0.09	3.74
European Gwth	45.62	48.40	- 0.68	0.88
Evergreen	28.84	30.85	- 0.36	...
General Equity	79.88	84.75	- 0.11	2.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.35	28.76	- 0.06	8.08
Japan Growth	46.22	49.43	- 0.30	...
Pedigree Gwth	47.78	50.97	- 0.06	2.16
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.07	31.90†	- 0.08	0.93
Retirement Inc	25.70	27.63	- 0.03	5.44
Special Sits	31.11	33.26	- 0.12	1.86
UK & Overseas	47.03	49.90	- 0.35	1.13

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Capital	62.22	66.53	+ 0.04	2.89
Income	59.68	63.83	- 0.03	3.90

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Equity Inc	157.82	167.89†	- 0.32	5.27
Fixed & Convertible	45.20	48.09†	- 0.06	5.91
Monthly Inc Pfts	51.78	55.08†	- 0.04	8.13
Preference Share	49.56	52.72†	...	7.21
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.60	134.68†	- 0.37	6.10
Managed Fund	65.82	70.02†	- 0.33	2.88
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.51	40.97	- 0.19	2.00
UK & General	73.14	77.81†	- 0.02	2.78
UK Growth	128.20	137.02	- 0.07	1.66
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	166.32	176.94	- 1.51	...
Far Eastern Gth	128.39	136.59	- 2.14	0.31
Global Bond	87.35	92.82†	- 0.37	5.75
Gold & Coins	65.51	69.68	- 0.30	...
Japan Growth	113.54	119.72	- 0.57	...
North Amer Grth	160.44	170.68	- 2.22	...
Oriental Growth	77.26	82.19	- 1.48	...
Worldwide Growth	61.14	65.04†	- 0.56	0.26
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.97	91.97†	+ 0.01	5.00
Homemaker Fund	72.85	77.50	+ 0.01	1.97
Quilter Fund	129.94	138.23	- 0.34	2.15

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 045

Growth Inc	55.46	59.00	+ 0.02	3.00
High Income	32.99	35.09†	- 0.01	4.50
Japan	33.34	35.46	- 0.17	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.68	30.51†	- 0.05	2.40
Smaller Cos	28.85	31.75†	- 0.05	2.40
North American	32.17	34.22	- 0.36	0.60
European	33.33	35.45	- 0.42	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 9NX
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	30.35	32.56	...	4.55

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

Equity Dist	782.70	796.50†	...	3.77

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 698 370

Fellowship Tst	65.76	69.96	- 0.47	1.85
Income	226.60	241.10	- 0.85	3.79
Smaller Cos	135.20	143.90	- 0.50	1.13
Inv Portfolio	72.00	76.59	- 0.72	2.23
High Income Port	*64.95*	*69.10*	- *0.25*	*3.94*

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 480 0177

Euro Small Cos	1357.6	1385.9†	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1184.1	1187.4†	...	...
UK Small Cos	1620.8	1692.7	...	...
US Small Cos	1614.9	1660.2†	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

Disc Inc	178.90	188.30†	...	2.90

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 335 2500

European Gwth	226.80	240.30	- 1.80	1.25
New Asia	199.60	216.20	- 2.20	0.36
Japan Growth	119.90	127.30	- 0.80	...
Jap Smlr Co	187.40	518.30	- 2.60	...
Nth Amer	237.90	252.80	- 4.00	0.46
Shintd Asia Pac Tst	190.60	119.00	- 1.50	0.53
UK Inc & Grth	*306.80*	*220.80†*	- *0.80*	*3.67*

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	132.00	140.40	- 1.00	2.45
UK High Inc Inc	142.20	151.50†	- 1.10	5.62
UK Fxd & F I Inc	63.70	67.53	- 0.31	6.52
Envmntast Opps	75.03	79.82	- 0.87	1.54

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

American	119.20	128.70†	- 1.50	0.39
Convertibles	28.54	34.48	- 0.05	7.00
Equity Income	130.70	138.90	+ 0.10	4.63
EuroFund	61.66	64.08	- 0.37	0.91
Growth & Inc	226.80	241.00	- 0.40	3.11
High Dist	154.00	163.60†	- 0.30	4.58
International	338.10	359.50	- 4.20	0.85
Intl Income	92.85	99.15	- 0.98	2.62
Latin American	40.17	42.68	+ 0.05	0.29
Pacific	71.52	82.57	- 1.87	0.36
Smlr Cos	72.60	77.14	- 0.65	...
Tokyo	203.70	216.20	- 1.00	...
UK Smaller Cos	216.70	230.20	- 1.60	1.09
Formerly Target				
Financial	47.32	50.28	- 0.33	2.40
Japan & General	159.70	169.70	- 1.50	...
Preference Share	23.90	25.39†	- 0.03	7.17

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

Elcon Trust	203.20	217.20	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Hertingfordbury Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7260

Endurance Pd	191.30	203.50†	...	0.46

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 488

European	70.39	73.99	- 0.81	1.82
Far Eastern	206.32	311.82	- 4.58	1.39
High Income	127.87	134.60†	+ 0.36	4.61
Intl Growth	109.68	115.45	- 0.98	1.26
North American	113.31	119.27	- 0.38	1.05
Pelican	111.72	117.60†	- 0.18	3.19
Smaller Cos	71.43	75.19	- 0.64	1.98
Special Sits	84.04	88.46	- 0.36	2.03
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.83	179.81	- 0.30	2.09

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	185.34	189.12†	- 0.87	1.78
Smaller Cos Acc	320.87	327.42†	- 1.49	1.78
Recovery	44.70	45.61†	- 0.40	2.33

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 422 144

Balanced	116.08	123.41†	- 0.46	5.06
Capital Growth	73.05	78.32†	- 0.17	...
Pnl of Inv Tsts	60.21	63.50	- 0.18	0.26
High Income	46.77	49.89†	- 0.18	8.88
Warrant	54.51	59.25	- 0.80	...
Zero Preference	36.59	38.83	- 0.03	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

Family Assnt Tst	70.59	75.09	...	2.80
Family Income Tst	49.24	52.38†	...	6.26

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Trust	79.16	84.21	...	1.73
United Charities	233.00	247.80†	...	3.76

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.10
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Compelled Risk: UK	25.06	26.41	- 0.09	3.22
-do- Europe	25.12

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Volatile performance

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 15. Dealings end November 26. §Contango day November 29. Settlement day December 6. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Natl	401	-2	11.8	3.7	15.5
290	179	Allied Irish	266	-4	...	3.9	13.6
216	130	Aus New Z	204	-1	...	4.4	–
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2787½	-31½	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	275 †	-3	...	4.5	20.3
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
199	116½	Bank Scotland	188	-3	4.6	3.1	25.5
589	362	Barclays	548	-13	...	2.9	...
4½	2	Brachmark	4½	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	20½	...	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	555	...	27.0	6.1	...
153	85	Cattles	139	-1	...	4.0	18.5
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2162½	-46½	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2287½	-25	...	...	...
465	250	Close Bros	445	-8	...	3.1	16.2
£144½	9275	Commerzbk	£143	-175	...	2.8	...
£347½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£328½	-62½	...	1.0	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	68	+2	...	0.9	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	450 †	-3	21.5	6.0	12.0
775	490	HSBC	721	-4	20.0	3.5	17.3
795	474	HSBC HK	736	-4	20.0	3.4	17.6
403	243	Hambros	351 †	-3	14.3	5.1	16.2
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	142	-2	9.0	7.0	...
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	498	-4	16.7	4.2	17.3
591	492	Lloyds	563	-1	19.1	4.2	16.1
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	533	-15	...	4.0	–
586	398	Nat West	525	-17	17.8	4.2	31.9
440	270	Provident	405	-8	12.4	3.8	17.5
54	39	Rea Bros	50	...	0.5	1.4	53.1
372	207	Ryl Bk Scot	351	-13	9.0	3.2	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1170	-23	...	1.3	23.3
1048	576	Stand Chart	1014	-6	20.5	2.3	...
239	145½	TSB	212	-2	6.4	3.8	...
190	78	Union Disc	169	-1	...	...	...
940	529	Warburg SG	813 †	-15	...	3.0	11.9
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	7737½	-87½	...	2.6	...
205	121	Westpac	184	-5	...	2.8	–
325	188	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	568	-3	...	4.8	15.6
647	441	Bass	471	-2	19.1	5.1	10.3
299	189	Boddington	252	...	7.5	3.7	14.7
499	362	Bulmer (HP)	430	-5	...	3.0	18.8
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	174 †	-5	4.7	3.4	14.5
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	123	-1	...	3.4	32.5
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	64	-2	...	4.1	–
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	408	...	...	2.3	17.5
480	377	Grand Met	385	-4	12.5	4.1	12.7
422	347	Greenalls Grp	369	...	12.0	4.1	12.2
575	505	Greene King	549	...	...	2.8	15.5
521	388	Guinness	433	+2	...	3.5	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hansn	245	...	7.8	4.0	13.6
138	105	Heavitree	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
353	255	Highland Distl	316	...	...	2.7	15.5
3138	2539	Hour J	3100	-13	42.0	1.7	20.2
80	33	Hoskins Brew	69	-1	...	...	49.2
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.0	17.2
186	119	Macallan-Glen	119	-5	4.3	4.6	26.7
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	393	...	...	2.8	18.7
225	164	Mansfield	189	...	...	2.5	13.5
290	231	Mrston Thmp	272	+1	...	3.6	16.3
540	288½	Matthew Clark	539	-1	...	4.2	18.0
300	215	Mrydwn W	218	-5	7.0	4.0	17.2
545	455	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.6
12	6½	Paramount	8	...	...	3.1	–
190	145	Regent Inns	188	...	...	3.0	19.1
1109	753	SA Breweries	1099	-56	...	2.5	18.5
482	393	Scot & New	469	-3	...	4.5	14.6
225	179	Taunton Cider	179	-1	6.0	4.2	14.6
269	213	Vaux Group	260	-1	9.3	4.5	17.9
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	334	-2	...	2.0	25.9
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	514	+4	...	4.4	12.2
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1138	...	...	2.0	27.2
613	483	Wolvrhmptn D	476	...	11.8	3.1	13.4
515	475	Young 'A'	480	...	14.7	3.9	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighsn	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen	141	-1	...	4.5	31.6
120	65	Amec	108	-1	3.0	3.5	20.0
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead	304	-1	...	1.9	32.2
143	101	Attwoods	137	-2	...	4.7	...
276	180	BPB Ind	263	+3	...	3.6	45.2
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	91	-1	3.1	4.3	30.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	-½	0.6	2.9	...
108	74	Barcom	83	...	1.2	1.9	15.1
56½	32½	Bardon	39	...	2.0	6.4	19.2
195	94	Barratt Devs	178	-3	4.0	2.8	–
460	305	Bellway	449	-3	12.0	3.4	–
43	15	Bellwinch	38	...	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	429	+1	...	1.7	26.9
116	45	Bett Bros	101	...	2.0	2.5	–
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
316	189	Blue Circle	315	+8	...	4.5	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	87	...	4.6	6.6	21.4
125	82	Br Dredging	125	...	5.2	5.2	27.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
151	99	Bryant	142	...	...	4.2	28.7
121	53	CALA	116	-1	...	2.5	...
328	200	CRH	314	-2	...	2.7	17.2
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	28½	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	143	...	...	3.6	37.8
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	94	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	87	...	...	1.4	...
7½	1½	Dunton	4½	+½	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.3	2.0	...
278	178	Epwin	273	-1	7.0	3.2	23.1
59	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	503	...	...	2.5	18.2
6½	3	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	–
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
925	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	–
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	152	...	...	2.7	27.1
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
358	186	Heywd Wim	342	-5	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	108	-1	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	286	...	9.0	3.9	11.4
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	117½	...	...	6.8	...
110	55	Ln Clydesdale	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	307	...	9.3	3.8	18.8
172	93	Marley	171	+1	4.2	3.1	50.2
125	61	Marshalls	118	...	...	4.3	...
190	122	Maunders (J)	190	...	5.1	3.4	–
217	96	McAlpine (A)	201	-1	6.5	4.0	34.8
47	23	McCarthy & S	39	...	0.5	1.6	...
458	272	Meyer Int	452	+7	...	2.8	44.8
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	-1	4.0	4.2	...
165	51	NSM	161	+12	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	149	...	...	5.6	19.9
300	197	Persimmon	278	-2	8.6	3.9	28.4
36	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	21.8
163	80	Prowting	148 †	-1	3.4	2.9	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	1½	...	...	...	...
850	555	RMC Gp	848	+10	...	2.9	31.8
117	75½	Raine Ind	77	...	...	4.9	18.2
36	18	Ramus	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	544	+7	25.0	5.7	31.7
86	64	Roskel	82	...	4.3	6.6	12.1
296	207	Rugby Group	284	+10	6.4	2.8	21.7
68	23	Smith-Rvs	66	-1	...	0.5	...
161	66	Sharpe & Fisher	161	...	...	3.1	28.0
241	86½	Sheffield Insl	230	...	...	2.9	56.4
175	82	Sherill Hldgs	173	...	...	1.6	25.8
95	66	Shorco	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	222 †	...	8.5	4.8	–
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	132	...	5.5	5.2	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	...	4.2	20.6
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	115	...	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	588	+3	33.0	7.0	19.1
39	19	Torex Hire	35	-1	...	1.4	...
298	168	Travis Perkins	285	+1	8.0	3.5	50.2
40	25	Try Group	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.4
26	21	Tudor	21	...	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	86	...	2.5	3.7	30.5
65	30	Ward Hldgs	33	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	427	...	...	3.5	18.4
21½	6½	Wescol	19	...	...	...	...
174	90	Westbury	166 †	...	5.0	3.8	25.9
12	4½	West Scaffold	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	+½	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	415	-2	...	2.7	29.2
205	147	Wilson (C)	180	...	3.9	2.7	31.2
194	104	Wimpey G	171	+1	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	32	-2	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	582	-8	...	...	...
248	198	Adam & Harvey	243 †	...	13.0	6.7	4.5
92	56	Air London	61	...	...	7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
176	93	Auto Sec	130	...	...	5.9	23.3
138	84	BET Ord	128	...	...	2.2	5.2
113	41	BNB Res	113	...	4.9	5.4	...
318	258	BPP	305	-5	8.3	3.4	16.8
285	195	Barbour Index	245	...	8.0	4.1	16.7
28	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	3.2	...
359	184	Brit Data Mgt	232	-8	4.7	2.6	16.9
26	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
77	54	Brooks Service	59	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	91	-3	...	3.8	16.1
193	139½	Capita Group	186	-1	...	1.5	29.0
45½	31	Caskey Plc	39½	...	...	2.9	15.0
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	357	+3	...	1.7	22.2
100	90	Comaco	95	+2	...	2.0	24.8
37	6½	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
91	30	Counts Cnslig	83	-1	...	...	...
137	50	Dan	133	-1	3.3	3.1	18.0
256	198	Davis Service	214	...	...	4.7	16.1
104	85	EW Fact	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	27½	...	0.4	1.9	19.1
277	215	Hays	251	+1	5.3	2.6	–
246	174	Hogg Robinsn	228	+2	...	3.7	16.4
70	34	Holmes Protectn	39	+1	...	...	2.4
256	127	Hutch Whamp	246	+1	...	1.8	22.1
2175	975	ISS B Dkr	2062½	...	...	1.0	14.2
637	475	Inchcape	509	+2	...	3.5	10.6
975	669	Johnson Clean	865	...	25.7	3.7	18.0
12	2½	Lep	8	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1167	893	Manpower	1125	-22	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	59½	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
279	120	Penna	120	...	...	8.4	4.5
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
147	57	Proudfoot Alex	63	...	...	29.8	3.5
425	337	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.7
118	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	97	...	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Sec	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
238	178	Rentokil	202	-2	2.5	1.6	25.2
263	220	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
360	334	Salvesen (C)	343	-3	...	2.8	18.8
30	26	Scott Pickford	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select App	7½	...	...	...	...
1223	695	Serco Gp	1223	...	13.3	1.4	33.8
352	83	Sherwd Cmp	94	...	...	9.3	2.7
130	90	Sketchley	104	-1	...	3.6	23.6
355	310	Warner Howrd	330 †	...	6.6	2.5	17.2
39	27	Welpac	28	...	...	...	...
36	14	Wills Gp	26½	-½	0.4	1.9	–

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	225	-3	...	2.4	19.8
957	613	Amersham	941 †	-6	...	1.8	32.6
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	8325	BASF DM	£104½	-71½	...	6.3	...
300	199	BTP	273	...	...	4.3	18.8
£130½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£126½	-37½	...	4.3	...
178	118	Blagden	134	...	6.5	6.1	14.4
165	93	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	384	-3	...	...	...
9	6½	Caird Gp	6½	-½	...	22.2	18.7
180	135	Canning (W)	150	-3	7.2	6.1	17.2
508	421	Courtaulds	423	-1	...	4.2	10.5
350	228	Croda	339	...	...	2.9	19.5
149	121	Doeflex	122	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
236	175	Ellis & Everard	210	...	...	4.2	20.1
42	15½	Euro Colour	36½	-½	0.8	3.0	17.5
344	259	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	150	Hickson	155	-1	...	6.5	14.4
£115	5850	Hoechst	£108½	+62½	...	3.4	...
229	173	Holliday Chem	174	...	...	2.7	16.0
740	508	ICI	675	...	...	5.1	...
693	576	Laporte	654	...	19.9	3.8	18.0
230	181	Leigh	203	-2	...	4.8	19.6
47½	35	MTM	40½	...	...	...	...
2050	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2025	...	...	1.4	28.8
464	370	Paterson Zoch	450	...	...	3.5	15.2
420	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
296	199	Plysu	205	-1	...	4.3	13.4
303	173	Porvair	298	...	3.8	1.6	31.9
70	35	Scientific Speak	47	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	418 †	...	...	5.2	19.3
540	395	Wlstnhlme R	528	...	17.0	3.6	18.4
425	330	Yorks Chem	393	+1	...	2.5	21.0
300	233	Yule Catto	265	...	...	2.8	16.5
799	593	Zeneca	765	-1	...	4.5	45.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	69½	...	...	5.4	...
87	42	Amber Day	56 †	-1	1.3	3.0	–
358	297	Argos Plc	333	+5	...	2.7	28.4
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	86	-4	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	316	-2	5.1	2.0	21.9
154	94	Austin Reed	147	...	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	...	...	5.0	15.2
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	142½	Betterware	145 †	...	...	1.9	17.4
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
227	133	Body Shop	204	...	...	1.1	26.3
10½	1½	Brown & Jackson	12	...	...	0.8	6.2
434	318	Brown (N)	418	...	...	2.2	24.6
87½	64	Burton	66	+½	2.0	3.8	–
170	126	Caniors	170	+3	4.0	2.9	–
360	295	Church	335	...	12.5	4.7	29.8
183	97	Clinton Cards	151	-2	4.3	3.6	18.2
280½	212	Coats Viyella	260	+3	...	3.6	35.9
112	78	Colourvision	88	-2	5.6	8.0	15.8
181	154	C'try Casuals	158	...	...	3.3	14.7
830	374	Courts Furnish	823	-1	5.5	0.8	10.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	89	Dairy Farm Intl	116	-2	...	3.1	17.0
91	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	89½	...	0.8	1.1	28.7
285	189	Dixons Grp	270	+3½	...	2.9	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	148	-6	...	3.0	–
273	203	Etam	226	+2	7.0	3.9	20.4
608	499	Fine Art Dev	535	...	12.7	3.0	17.5
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
588	498	Formmster	585	...	14.0	3.0	10.6
180	24	French Conn	126	-3	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	71	...	2.1	3.7	–
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	74	-1	0.3	0.5	...
579	334	GUS	561	-3	...	2.5	18.0
40	23	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
277	30	Hartstone	49½	+2½	...	7.1	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	26	...	2.0	9.7	12.3
75	29	Heritage	75	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle	73	...	...	3.9	...
161	63	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	667	-2	...	2.6	23.0
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	71	+1	4.0	7.0	14.6
685	495	Liberty	585	-10	7.2	1.6	66.5
320	241	Lloyds Chem	290	-7	7.2	3.0	–
152	120	MFI	140	+3	...	3.3	29.4
413½	311	Marks Spencer	407 †	+1	...	2.6	20.8
580	445	Menzies (John)	559	-13	...	2.4	15.8
253	135	Moss Bros	227	...	5.5	3.0	26.7
212	139½	Next	183½	...	3.5	2.4	21.9
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
324	197	Oriflame Intl	302	...	...	4.0	14.8
63	36	Pentos	36	-3	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	56 †	-2	...	...	...
170	120	Rosebys	170	...	...	3.6	20.4
181	135	Sherwood Gp	144	...	...	2.3	13.0
120½	93	Sears	119	+1	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	24	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	457	-2	...	3.9	15.0
20	4½	Specialeyes	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	197	+1	...	3.2	19.2
191	148	T & S Stores	150	-1	6.0	5.0	11.2
162	71	Tie Rack	136½	-½	1.0	0.9	22.3
239	160	Time Products	228	+1	7.7	4.3	19.4
128	63	Usher (Frank)	105	...	...	7.1	9.1
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum	42 †	...	...	5.6	...
119	76	Wickes	115 †	...	...	0.2	52.3
78	45	Wld of Leathers	62	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	164 †	+1	...	3.3	21.7
4	2½	Xiravision	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	160 †	-3	...	3.9	16.1
253	223	Acal	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Comp	91	+1	...	...	46.1
480	385	Admiral	469	+1	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
50	19½	Alphameric	39½	...	...	...	...
52	22	Amstrad	44½	-2½	0.5	1.4	–
128	61	App Holo	65	-6	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	70½	+½	...	0.4	...
293	243	Beales Hunter	243	...	...	4.8	15.0
9	2	Bennett & Foun	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	390	+10	19.2	6.2	...
558	408	Bick	452	-5	...	2.8	18.1
1700	925	Borland	1200	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	339 †	+3	6.4	2.4	22.1
478½	376	BT	457½	-5	...	4.5	17.4
228½	150	BT P/P	205½	-5½	...	4.4	21.7
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	-½	0.1	0.8	...
160	86	Burnfield	86	-2	5.7	8.4	13.6
509	334½	Cable Wireless	480	+9	...	2.1	23.9
27½	11½	Chloride	22½	...	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comper People	110	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	147	...	...	1.3	15.1
433	243	Critchley	413	...	...	1.5	23.6
554	414	Delta	475	-1	...	3.7	19.8
423	205	Denmans Elc	420	...	...	1.8	17.9
620	395	Domino	429	...	7.4	2.2	14.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	...	...	5.0	26.6
1200	865	Drucker	1200	...	10.0	1.0	25.6
469	358	Electrocomps	441 †	+2	...	2.4	18.0
710	470	El Data Prc	685	-18	5.1	0.9	18.8
146	43	Electron House	131	-2	2.6	2.5	28.7
30½	10½	Ernest	21½	...	0.1	0.6	...
632	442	Eurotherm	629	...	8.5	1.7	28.6
187½	108	FKI	181	-2	...	2.3	26.3
509	340	Farnell Elect	507	+1	...	1.6	26.8
91	33	Feedback	77	...	...	2.4	10.0
18	1	Ferranti	1	...	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	258	...	...	0.5	21.5
270	81	Forward Gp	228	-12	...	2.2	20.4
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	333	+½	10.3	3.9	16.7
199	132	Graseby	153	-2	...	8.9	32.2
14	7½	Graystone	10½ †	...	...	...	...
53	36	Hillclarke	43	...	...	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	-1	4.4	3.7	–
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	65	...	2.1	3.1	19.7
19	8	Kembrey	13	...	0.1	1.5	...
349	260	Kenwood App	325	-3	...	3.0	18.1
262	47	Kewill Sys	260	-2	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	25	...	...	...	...
365	122	LDMS	225	-3	...	0.4	31.7
300	205	Lec Refrig	285	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	134	-1	3.7	3.5	14.5
285	164	Logica	262	-4	...	1.9	30.2
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	211	...	...	3.1	19.8
718	523	Macro 4	673	+3	...	3.3	20.5
243	175½	Memcor-Sw	215	...	...	2.1	19.0
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1348	...	...	...	12.4
227	147	Microgen	153	...	7.2	5.9	10.4
35½	23½	Microvitec	30½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	520	...	...	1.7	19.0
584	98	Mitel	380	-27	...	...	...
153	108	MMT Comp	153	...	...	3.3	–
50½	16	Molynx	43½	+2½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Instr	252	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
340	116	Murray Enter	234	...	...	2.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2737½	-50	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	130	-1	2.6	2.5	16.8
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain	269	...	...	0.7	30.7
75	20	Northamber	64½	-½	0.6	1.2	...
15½	7½	Oceonics	8½	+½	...	...	...
297	195	Oxford Inst	284	-5	4.6	2.0	19.4
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	62	-1	1.5	3.0	32.9
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
227	115	Pegasus	214	+1	...	3.7	54.9
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1337½	-12½	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink	278	...	...	...	...
290	171½	Pilco	273	...	...	1.9	22.0
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	263	...	...	2.0	22.0
96	63	Plasmec	73	-2	...	5.1	6.2
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
187	81	Psion	187	...	...	1.7	49.7
261	160	Racal Elect	187	-4	4.2	2.8	11.1
70	43	Radamec	43	...	...	4.4	9.2
70	31	Radius	35	-1	2.2	8.0	12.1
92	61	Real Time	70	+3	...	5.4	14.4
35	18	Riva	27	...	...	...	34.2
629	367	Sage Gp	432	...	9.3	2.7	13.8
348	222	Sanderson Elec	304	...	9.9	4.1	13.0
88	69	Scantronic	75	+1	3.1	5.2	18.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	165	...	...	3.8	21.4
375	270	Sema Gp	321	...	2.9	1.1	26.0
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2275	-25	...	1.4	25.7
27	4½	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
198	60	Telemetrix	146	-6	0.8	0.7	24.1
1017	809	THORN EMI	914	-35	...	4.4	21.0
152	96	Thorpe FW	125	...	...	2.7	14.6
103	43	Total Systems	43	-1	3.0	8.7	7.6
575	372	Tunstall	565	...	5.7	1.3	22.6
295	164	Unitech	244	...	...	3.1	57.8
11½	6	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
35	23½	Vistec	33½	-1	...	2.0	13.5
585	367	Vodafone	527	+7	...	1.8	22.7
473	368	Volex	403	-15	18.1	5.7	16.3
26	11	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	268	-4	11.7	5.5	28.5

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	575	+3	...	4.2	10.8
622	399	Eastern Elect	602	+5	...	4.0	12.0
419	304	Hydro—Elect	403	+4½	...	3.5	14.6
618	404	London Elect	600	...	...	4.1	13.3
673	458	Manweb	660	+5	...	4.0	9.5
643	424½	Midlands Elec	622	+8	...	4.0	11.1
421	273	National Powr	407 †	+2	...	3.4	10.1
666	440	Northern Elec	641	+6	...	4.2	9.2
206	100	Nthn Ireland	199	+3	...	3.9	10.7
672	439	Norweb	663	+5	20.0	3.8	10.3
476½	273	PowerGen	466	+4	...	2.8	12.3
420	285	Scottish Power	414	+6	...	3.4	15.4
681	436	Seeboard	651	...	...	3.8	10.5
681	469	Sth Wales	657	...	...	4.2	10.9
626	426	Sth Western	616	+7	...	4.1	9.8
642	406	Southern Elec	624	+6	...	3.9	11.4
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	630	+6	...	4.1	11.9

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD	125	...	...	3.4	19.5
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
550	413	Caledonia	535	+1	...	3.5	19.9
1800	1075	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	8.7
318	243	Candover	300	...	10.4	4.4	21.2
290	71	Flextech	290	+2	...	0.2	...
352	155	Govett	331	-5	...	5.0	9.7
188	125	Ivory Sime	152	+1	...	5.3	14.3
6½	3	LIT	5	...	...	...	...
240	134	Lon Forfaitng	228	...	8.7	4.8	16.6
74	47	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	–
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bro	313	-4	6.5	2.6	19.0
26	17	Rutland Tst	23½	-½	...	4.3	14.0
340	253	S & U	304	-1	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	48	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
1038	715	Sotheby's	993 †	+13	...	3.4	...
126	114	SIP Capital	116	-1	3.0	3.2	47.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2025	-59½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	963	-15	...	5.5	21.9
200	92	Invesco	151	-1	...	2.5	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	261	-2	...	3.0	10.8
236	154	MAI	226	-2	...	3.9	14.2
728	389	MAM	627 †	-11	16.0	3.2	15.7
1005	633	M & G	933	-7	...	2.9	24.8
408	109	Smith New Ct	368	-7	...	2.0	5.6
81	45	Trio Hldgs	50	-1	...	7.5	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
539½	456	AB Food	500	+4	...	3.8	10.2
77½	49	ASDA Group	51½	-1	1.6	3.9	12.3
320	170	Acatos & Hutch	316	...	7.6	3.0	18.2
80	55	Albert Fisher	60	-2	3.7	7.8	–
407	248	Argyll	286	-2	...	5.1	9.8
230	160	Banks (S C)	225	-3	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	305	Barr (AG)	305	...	6.5	2.7	15.4
85	57	Bensons Crsp	62	-2	...	5.7	13.0
141	100	Berisford Intl	100	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	403	+2	...	6.7	35.0
52	35	Borthwick	49½	+½	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	483 †	...	6.3	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	40	-1	...	3.1	12.1
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	447	-4	...	3.8	15.8
143	78	Carrs Milling	129	...	3.9	3.8	25.8
196	133	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	10.9
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
384	119	Dalepak	198	...	6.0	5.4	10.9
521	424	Dalgety	459	-1	...	5.6	13.1
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
246	191	Devro	243	-2	...	2.8	23.1
134	99	Everest	101	-3	...	4.6	18.3
383	269	Farepak	369	-2	5.7	1.9	22.7
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	73 †	-1	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
483	328	Geest	330 †	...	8.1	3.1	14.9
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
49	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	152	-8	...	5.3	8.6
175	131	Hillsdown	152	...	8.8	7.2	11.9
250	160	Iceland Group	170	...	...	2.6	10.7
131	100	JLI Group	100	-1	...	5.8	11.1
853	576	Kwik Save	582	-1	16.7	3.6	11.1
262	144	Low (Wm)	151	...	8.4	7.2	–
83	41	Matthews (B)	74	...	2.3	4.0	48.5
19½	11	Merchant Retail	11	...	0.9	11.0	22.1
174	84	Morrison (W)	90	...	...	1.2	11.7
233	177	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
291	220	Ntsn Foods	225	-4	...	4.8	10.8
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fns	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	180	...	...	4.3	10.0
251	205	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.3
115	78	Perkins Food	80	...	...	7.0	9.2
114	47	PizzaExpress	100	-1	...	0.6	21.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth	4	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	386	...	...	3.4	13.4
86	33	Sentry Farms	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Sims Food	108	...	...	8.7	20.8
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	386	-3	12.3	4.0	12.2
273	176	Tesco	193½	-2½	...	4.7	8.8
211	123	Thorntons	166	...	...	2.7	...
183	101	Treatt	148	-3	...	3.1	16.9
430	300	Unigate	350	-4	...	6.0	11.3
437	326	Utd Biscuits	334	+4	...	5.7	20.7
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	287	-1	13.2	5.7	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
250	170	Forte	231	-3	...	4.1	18.1
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis	9½	-1	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	124 †	...	...	5.2	10.0
222½	149	Ladbroke	160½	-½	11.1	8.7	13.7
85	59	Mandarin Ornl	76	-2	...	4.4	18.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	798	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	59	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	36	...	...	...	2.2
616	455	AAH	499	+1	...	4.3	16.0
185	140	AIM	173	-1	7.5	5.4	10.5
132	88	APV	101	...	...	6.7	...
238	81	ASW	146	...	...	5.1	...
186½	118	Adwest	158	-1	...	5.7	15.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Airsprung	224	...	...	2.1	17.5
184	113	Alexndra W	171	+1	4.1	3.0	27.0
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
600	345	Amber Ind	600	+35	...	4.0	13.6
56	45	Amberley Gp	46	...	...	2.7	...
107	75	Anagen	82	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	84	-1	...	6.5	...
1005	705	Antofagasta	910	-35	...	2.2	16.8
54½	37	Armour	46	-½	...	4.4	10.9
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	-½	...	2.3	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	498	...	...	4.1	19.9
265	168	Assoc Nursg	255	...	...	0.5	15.6
687½	518	Atlas Equip	518	...	...	5.3	13.0
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	70	-5	...	...	...
188	147	BBA	185	-2	...	5.1	15.7
88	28	BLP Group	88	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	20	...	3.4	21.3	0.8
770	590	BOC	617	+7	...	4.8	14.3
79½	62	BSG	68½	...	...	5.8	23.8
490	353	BSS Group	484	-3	...	4.5	29.0
409½	318	BTR	348½	-3	...	4.0	19.5
221	153	BWI	154 †	...	...	5.4	14.3
50	29½	Babcock	29½	-½	...	3.3	15.4
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
299	240	Baird (Wm)	259	-1	8.9	4.4	17.2
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	681½	-31½	...	4.9	–
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	60	-1	...	3.1	24.6
15	4	Beaufort	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2½	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	31	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.3	12.1
707	290	Bespak	315	...	10.0	4.0	9.9
133	55	Bibby (J)	55	-2	2.0	4.5	–
312	129	Billam (J)	258	...	5.3	2.6	13.0
41	21½	Bisson Brsen	28	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
220	118½	Birkby	218	...	3.5	2.0	20.7
45	29	Black Arrow	29	-1	2.1	9.2	8.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
253	136	Black (Peter)	243	-6	3.7	1.9	21.4
575	129	Bluebird Toys	540	-28	...	1.0	16.5
322	247	Bodycote	256 †	-23	...	2.5	16.4
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	522 †	+3	...	3.3	20.6
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	438	-5	...	3.4	18.3
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1336	-13	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl	273	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14	-½	...	4.6	...
303	204	Brammer	290	-3	13.0	5.6	21.6
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21	...	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	125 †	...	...	4.0	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	2.5	4.5	–
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	+1	...	7.7	–
308	220	Br Bldg & Eng	220	...	8.0	4.5	–
82	42	Br Bloodstock	78	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	420	...	...	3.1	15.1
131½	54	Br Steel	116	-1	...	1.6	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	159	-2	...	2.0	17.4
268	215	Br Vita	240	...	7.3	3.8	14.8
15½	9½	Britton Grp	13½	+½	...	1.6	...
805	595	Broken Hill	756	-3	...	2.3	35.6
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	92	-1	...	6.0	12.0
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	42	Brown & Tawse	42	-1	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
24	11½	Business Tech	18	-½	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	14	...	0.5	5.3	13.1
42	11	Campbll & Arm	37	-3	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	31	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	260	...	...	5.0	17.6
343	254	Caradon	332	+3	...	3.3	26.8
169½	128	-do- pf	165	+1½	7.2	5.5	...
253	178	Carclo Eng	253	...	8.6	4.2	18.0
2888	2138	Carnaud Md	2155	-25	...	2.9	–
78	68	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
213	158	Castings	198	...	4.3	2.7	14.0
71	53	Cathay Ind.	56	-1	...	...	...
196	113	Chamberlin Hill	185 †	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
753	605	Charter	730	-3	...	3.8	17.2
345	220	Chemring	325	...	...	3.2	19.6
92	45	Chieftain Gp	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
45½	15½	Chillington	36	-2	1.0	3.5	...
215	144	Christies Int	209	...	...	0.9	51.9
65	34	Clayhithe	65	...	...	4.8	...
95	55	Clayton Son	55	-2	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designer	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	232	...	...	3.7	15.8
246	186½	Concentric	206	-2	...	3.4	17.4
288	120	Cook (Wm)	242 †	-3	6.0	3.1	14.7
233	182	Cookson	203	-1	...	3.7	26.9
76	38	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	159	...	...	4.5	21.5
178	92	Cosalt	121	-12	5.3	5.7	–
224	150	Creighton Nt	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
48	27	CrestaCare	30	...	0.6	2.7	26.0
3956½	2993½	Dana	3637½	-148½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	280	-19	...	0.7	26.5
243	193	David Brown	215	...	...	3.5	15.2
22	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
799	632	De La Rue	799	+2	...	3.0	21.0
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
574	391	Diploma	559	-4	12.0	2.7	–
84	50	Dobson Park	84	...	5.0	7.5	15.1
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	3.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	404 †	...	...	3.7	16.0
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Elco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2412½	-62½	...	2.2	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	67	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	414	+5	...	6.0	24.1
140	111	Enviromed	135	-1	...	...	58.0
3962½	1950	Ericsson 'B'	2750	-96½	...	...	...
77	32	Eurocopy	54	...	1.0	2.3	21.0
67	47	Expamet	63	...	...	4.8	1.5
717	499	Fairey Group	674	-1	10.7	2.0	20.8
121	47	Fenner	118	...	...	...	...
75	32	Ferraris Group	72	...	2.0	3.5	–
1½	½	Ferromet	1½ †	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	15	...	1.4	11.7	10.5
61	28	Fife Indmar	61	...	0.7	1.5	...
251	138½	Fisons	139½ †	-3½	...	7.8	12.9
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	253	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	33	Folkes Group nv	33	-2	1.5	5.7	18.7
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	1.6	5.3	43.1
234	162	Frost Group	212	-11	...	2.6	27.5
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	484	...	...	5.3	32.3
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	4.9	...
101	79	Carton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	108	Gestetner	128	...	8.2	7.4	6.0
68	23	Gleves	50	...	...	...	36.2
801	509	Glaxo	643	+4	...	4.3	16.8
38	16	Glenchewton	35	+2	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	305	...	11.6	4.8	28.8
129	66	Goode Durrant	123	+2	...	5.5	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	134	+1	5.5	5.1	23.3
498	341	Granada	456	-2	7.9	2.2	24.3
447	301	Great Sthrn	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst)	86	...	...	10.2	–
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.7	13.6
17	9½	Guardian Grp	9½	-½	...	...	...
66	30½	Haden MacLn	66	...	...	3.8	23.8
94	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	276	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
239	161	Halma	201	+1	...	1.2	27.0
50	30	Hampson Ind	50	...	1.6	4.0	16.5
285	222	Hanson	277	...	...	5.1	14.1
221	153	Harris (Philip)	158	...	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	179	+2	9.0	6.3	25.8
123	38	Havelock Euro	117	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	17	Headway	30	...	0.7	2.9	–
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	408	+1	14.8	4.5	17.6
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.2	1.9	16.4
57½	15	High-Point	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
166	112½	Hill & Smith	165	...	...	4.3	23.0
19½	6½	Hobson	17	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.9	2.5	34.0
183	133	Hornby	180	-1	...	6.3	17.0
88	54½	Howden	79	...	2.2	3.5	14.6
260	173	Hunting	232	...	...	5.4	19.6
303	269½	Hunsigh Tec	448	...	...	2.8	11.4
312	247	IMI	290	...	...	4.3	25.7
119	90	ISA Intl	113	...	1.5	1.7	17.6
205	132	Intercare Gp	132	...	...	2.6	14.0
286	235	Isotron	278	...	4.3	2.0	16.2
665	360	Jardine Math	588	-9	...	2.1	21.5
537	425	Johnson Matth	461	+1	...	2.8	20.2
64	36½	Johnson & FB	39	-½	3.0	9.6	12.0
177	104	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	158	-1	...	2.8	21.9
297	195	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
660	465	Kenshaw (A)	660	+5	27.0	5.1	34.2
235	75	Kleeneze	219	...	...	...	...
151	61	LGW	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
351	266	Laird	328	-1	...	4.0	16.2
157½	103	Lilleshall	151	-1	...	3.6	19.9
223	97	Linear	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	28½	...	...	...	...
128	76	Linread	106	...	3.8	4.5	16.4
280	170	Linton Park	260	...	...	6.7	9.4
15½	9½	Lionheart	9½	-½	0.2	2.6	...
22½	13	Locker (T) A	17	-½	0.8	6.3	24.4
274	131	Lon Intl	131	-4	9.4	9.0	10.0
144	70	Lonrho	139½	-1	...	3.6	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	340	...	...	3.4	47.6
41	14½	ML Hdgs	37	-1	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	55	-1	...	5.7	56.7
59	39	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	–
216	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	2.1	22.8
460	379	McKechnie	420	...	14.7	4.4	–
106	85	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.4	12.3
10½	1½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	9.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	107	...	2.5	2.9	–
26½	19½	Marling	24½	...	...	3.3	...
208	124	Mayborn	207	-1	...	3.1	15.9
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	123	...	...	2.4	10.0
118	88	Meggitt	95	-1	...	5.0	16.2
125	98	Metair	110	...	...	4.2	18.0
154	126	Metrotect	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Metsec	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	85	...	...	1.1	11.8
28	14	Mining & Ald	27	...	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	312½	+½	...	5.0	16.4
184	134	Morris Ashby	173	+1	...	3.9	13.1
38	18	Neepsend	32	...	1.0	4.0	42.3
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	166	+2	...	5.4	23.7
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	353	...	...	...	–
81	36	Office Elec Mac	59	...	...	...	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	...	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	93	...	...	3.5	12.6
395	290	Photo-Me	321	...	4.6	1.8	20.8
165	97½	Pilkington	151	+1	...	3.3	...
87	68	Plansbrook	85	...	3.1	4.6	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	133	-1	2.1	2.0	–
42	15	Porter Chadburn	16	-1	...	3.1	7.3
14½	9½	Portls Gp	11½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	308½	-4½	...	2.8	15.9
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	4.9	9.6
65	33½	RPS Group	53	+1	2.3	5.4	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	-5	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	177	+2	...	0.7	59.3
889	636	Rank Org	854	+4	31.0	4.5	23.4
33	15	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	646	-4	...	3.2	14.9
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	258	-1	5.0	2.4	31.0
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
119	55	Renold	119	...	...	1.8	...
1688	1240	Reuters	1584	-2	22.1	1.7	26.2
83	24½	Rexmore	78	-1	2.0	3.3	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	174	-6	...	4.1	24.7
76	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
98	65	Richardson West	77	+1	3.0	5.0	19.7
142	109	Ropner	124	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	120	...	8.2	8.6	17.0
38	16	Ross Gp	16	...	0.6	5.1	6.5
184	131½	Rotork	166	...	...	2.8	19.4
167	89	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	62	-1	...	1.0	...
29½	15	SBP Indl	29	-½	...	3.2	26.6
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	975	-12½	...	...	...
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	29.4
248	205	Scapa	207	-2	...	3.4	15.8
238	192	Scholl	196	+1	...	4.0	14.3
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
1123	917	Securicor	1113	-5	2.6	0.3	42.3
835	562	-do- 'A'	826	-4	2.6	0.4	31.4
745	465	Security Serv	735	-5	5.1	0.9	36.4
129½	77	Senior Eng	121½	-½	...	3.3	20.3
361	278	Seton Health	317	-1	...	2.4	18.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	142	-1	3.0	2.7	15.3
344	281	Sidlaw	317	...	10.5	4.2	–
574	422	Siebe	550	-3	...	2.3	20.6
383	220	Silentnight	335	-4	...	3.0	18.1
149	102	Sime Darby	143	-6	...	3.7	–
142	32	Simon Eng	81	+2	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	35	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	138	-1	...	4.3	15.3
515	389	Smithkline	401 †	-1½	9.6	3.0	14.5
450	340	Smithkline Uts	368 †	-2	...	3.3	12.5
436	320	Smiths Ind	420	-7	...	3.5	17.1
140	58	Stha Bus	75	...	3.5	5.8	7.1
462	265	Spandex	462	...	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	345	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	44	Spring Ram	49½	+½	...	0.6	18.1
270	201	Staveley	201 †	-1	...	5.3	11.4
177	126	Sterling Ind	175	-1	...	4.3	26.5
187	97	Suter	163	-1	9.0	6.9	17.1
487	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	457	-1	...	2.0	–
7	2½	Sycamore	3	+½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53 †	-1	...	7.3	10.1
153	120	Syltone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	279	TI	358	-1	...	3.8	24.5
32	12	TLS Range	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	316	-4	...	2.6	19.5
237	201	Takare	216	-2	...	1.0	18.8
868	618	Takeda Chem	741	-12	...	0.8	14.0
68	24	Tex Hldgs	60	+4	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	98	...	...	7.0	15.1
240	150	Titan	230	...	...	2.0	20.0
271	212½	Tomkins	224	-2	...	3.5	16.5
112	67	Trafalgar H	92½	-1½	...	4.4	6.8
116	69	Transfer Tech	80	-3	3.2	5.0	10.1
190	143	Triplex Lloyd	143½	...	...	6.1	17.3
275	214	UniChem	265	...	6.4	3.0	17.4
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1092	+2	22.2	2.6	14.8
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7437½	+12½	...	2.8	12.3
915	513	VSEL	800 †	-5	...	4.8	8.6
12½	6½	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	143	...	...	2.0	...
367	243	Victaulic	261	...	...	3.7	12.9
454	380	Vinten	433	-13	...	2.1	20.2
694	427	Vosper Thorny	620	-18	...	3.3	14.9
48	41	WSP Hldgs	42	-1	...	8.0	10.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	428	-2	...	5.1	18.9
98	71	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
258	201	Wassall	247	-2	2.7	1.4	24.9
45	22	Watford Wdgwd	44	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	267	+1	...	2.8	15.1
993	600	Wellcome	623 †	-7	...	3.5	13.2
23½	18	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
358	260	West Hlthcare	328	-4	...	1.4	–
510	460	Whatman	482	-1	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	228	...	...	4.4	8.9
74	27	Whitecroft	71	-1	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	320	-1	12.5	4.9	16.7
46½	17	Wilshaw	44½	...	...	1.5	28.0
733	533	Wolseley	729	+4	...	2.3	21.5
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	135	...	1.5	1.4	49.2
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	47	+3	3.0	8.0	17.2

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1243½	Alex & Alex	1243½	-6½	...	5.4	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1818½	-56½	...	4.0	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl	159	...	...	4.2	12.3
148	118	Bradstock	136	...	5.2	4.8	16.7
498	359½	Britannic	448	+1	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	588	+2	...	5.1	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1725	...	...	1.6	22.8
50	18	FAI	44	...	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	639	-9	26.7	5.2	...
230	160	GRE	192	-2	7.1	4.7	15.9
412	293	Heath C E	399	...	...	5.1	...
228	155	Hogg Gp	157 †	+2	8.1	6.5	14.2
215	162	JIB Group	174	...	...	5.4	17.8
543	408½	Legal & Gen	488	+3	...	5.0	29.6
1129	768	Liberty Life	1031	-54	...	10.3	20.1
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	424	-1	17.3	5.1	15.2
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	282	-2	6.7	3.0	17.5
386	274	Londn & Man	361	+3	14.7	5.1	26.6
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	414	...	13.5	4.1	14.9
6743½	5350	Marsh McLn	5350	-87½	...	3.4	...
130	76	Oriel	127	...	...	5.0	...
72	50½	PWS	67	-1	4.0	7.5	9.7
373	282½	Prudential	330	-1	...	4.7	21.9
1138	800	Refuge	985	...	32.2	4.1	27.3
347	248	Royal	282	-1	...	2.9	...
204	150	Sedgwick	193	-2	...	3.9	23.8
261	119	Steel Burrill	144	...	...	10.4	8.5
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	66	-1	6.5	12.3	6.7
400	307	Sun Alliance	356	-2	14.2	5.0	...
84	50	Trade Indemnty	84	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	314	-1	12.0	4.8	29.1
773	499	Utd Friendly	608	...	15.1	3.1	26.5
342	171	Willis Corroon	230	-2	...	3.6	49.1
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1780	-4	45.5	3.2	39.0
283½	226½	Amer Trust	270	-1	5.2	2.4	56.0
426	304	Ang & O'seas	411	...	6.8	2.1	52.2
156	124	BZW Conv	143	+½	7.8	6.8	–
188½	133½	Bankers	185	+2	3.6	2.5	50.8
328	264	Baring Tribne	326	...	6.4	2.5	51.6
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	105½	+1½	4.2	5.1	–
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	82½	...	0.9	1.4	–
30	14	-do- Wnts	27	-½	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	198	-1	4.6	3.0	43.5
197	130	Contl Asset	186	-1	2.4	1.6	61.9
195	143	Derby Inc	149	+1	...	12.0	9.0
290	195	-do- Cap	275	+5	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	82	...	8.4	12.8	9.1
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	75 †	-1	1.0	1.7	...
135	84	-do- Far East	123	+1	0.6	0.6	...
137	95	-do- Korea	135	-2	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	655	...	...	4.9	30.1
100	81	-do- Japan	82	+1	...	...	...
55	37½	-do- Warrants	39	+1	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wrde	707	+1½	9.5	1.7	72.8
292	222	Dundee & Lon	283	-½	...	4.0	26.1
308	250½	Edinburgh	297	+2½	8.5	3.6	32.5
291	183	Electra Inv	278	...	6.8	3.1	37.9
191	141	Electric Gen	183	...	3.1	2.1	57.0
114	85	English Scot	111	-1	...	...	...
314	205	European Asset	311	-2	...	2.3	40.4
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	125 †	-2	3.0	3.0	40.2
307	248	Fleming Amer	303	+½	0.8	0.4	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	213	...	...	3.1	42.0
340	232	Do Contl	319	-2	2.7	1.1	...
242	147	-do- Ent	197	...	...	3.0	39.8
362	213	-do- F East	346	+2	1.1	0.4	...
331	246	-do- Fledg	327	...	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- HI Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.7
260	136	-do- Japan	215	+3	0.4	0.3	–
291	250	-do- Merc	285½	+½	6.7	2.9	61.1
307	212	-do- O'seas	293	+½	4.2	1.8	61.3
273	203	Foreign & Col	263½	+2½	...	1.1	71.7
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	108½	-½	0.2	0.3	–
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	220	-1	1.2	0.7	–
131	87	-do- German	119	-2	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	289	-1	...	0.9	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	165	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	231	+4	...	0.7	...
166	65	Genl Cons Cap	161	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	108 †	...	...	9.8	11.2
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	159	...	...	...	...
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	-1	...	...	...
343	186	-do- Oriental	332	+2	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	260 †	-1	6.7	3.2	–
486	340	Greenfriar	406	-1	...	2.0	61.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	138 †	-1	...	4.6	26.5
97	77	IAS UK Smllr	94	+1	2.8	3.8	25.9
210	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	204	...	5.0	3.1	39.7
250	176	-do- O'seas	239	+½	3.3	1.7	67.9
142	108	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	672	-2	18.5	3.4	33.6
202	164	Majedie	193	-2	5.0	3.3	–
282½	221	Merchants	273	+4	...	5.0	25.4
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	5881½	-290	...	...	...
521	389	Mnks Inv Tst	507	-2	...	1.7	64.2
141	105	Morg Gren Inc	130 †	+1	4.5	4.3	–
54	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	54	-1	0.1	0.4	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	19	...	...	...	...
382	282	Murray Incmr	354	+4	10.9	3.8	33.8
361	265	-do- Intl	356	+2	11.6	4.1	32.1
421	263	-do- Small	420 †	-1½	...	1.3	...
103	90	-do- S/C Inc	90	...	...	14.7	–
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	117	-1	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	...	...
157	142½	-do- S/C DP	157	...	...	4.2	–
315	230	-do- Vent	301	-2	...	4.5	34.3
93	68	Nthrbrog Inc	91	...	6.7	9.4	16.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	336 †	-1	3.1	1.2	–
484	285	Pacific Assets	464	-1	1.1	0.3	...
389	187	Do Warrants	365	-2	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8225	...	190	2.9	48.6
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	162	-2	1.1	0.9	...
127	108	River & Mert	121	-1	9.2	9.7	11.8
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.9	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
160½	131	Scot American	151½	+1	...	3.8	32.0
284	136	Scott Asian	269	-4	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	735	-10	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	79	...	1.5	2.4	51.9
231	183	Scottish	221	+2	4.6	2.6	45.8
235½	178	-do- Mrgr	220	+½	4.0	2.3	57.1
101	71	-do- Value	99½	...	1.8	2.3	–
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1570	+1	...	3.1	39.7
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	90½	+1	3.2	4.5	29.9
163	109½	Selective Asset	157	...	1.2	1.0	56.5
38	14	Sphere Inv	33½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
169	112	TR Far East	162 †	...	...	3.9	30.8
154	126	TR City Of Lon	151½	+2	...	4.0	32.9
184	110	TR Pacific	177	+1	0.3	0.2	...
36½	17	TR Property	35½	...	0.9	3.2	37.1
120	47	TR Tech Inv	104	...	1.7	2.1	38.6
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	187	+½	...	2.5	43.2
360	283	Temple Bar	346	+½	13.2	4.8	26.1
111	69	Thrmtn Asian E	109	+1	0.5	0.6	...
79	54	Throgmorton	73	...	2.3	3.9	29.8
530	363	Throg Dual Cp	493	...	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	235	-1	4.5	2.4	43.2
114	76½	Value Inc Tst	113 †	...	4.0	4.4	28.4
796	542	Whitbread Inv	796	+2	16.5	2.6	47.9
225	181	Witan	215½	+½	5.6	3.2	37.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	269	Airtours	439	-4	7.7	2.2	15.5
64	42	Ald Leis	51	...	3.0	7.4	–
435	194	Anglia TV	428	...	...	2.7	19.8
103	63	Baldwin	86	-2	4.6	6.7	11.7
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	240	...	10.0	5.2	15.5
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV	143	...	...	2.9	12.9
16½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
103	48	Bristol Scous	103	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	72	Campari	74	...	...	8.7	14.8
231	171	Capital Radio	223	+14	5.7	3.3	–
818	718	Carlton Comm	769	+10	17.7	2.9	22.7
228	158	Castle Comm	226 †	...	...	4.7	15.0
2108	1615	Central TV	2093	+5	39.0	2.3	22.8
124	61	Chrysalis	103	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	569	...	...	2.9	17.0
350	175	Eurocamp	221	...	9.7	5.5	9.1
1180	350	Euro Disney	380	-22	...	3.1	...
8	3	Euro Leisure	3	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	31½	...	...	1.4	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	232	First Leisure	345	+11	6.2	3.2	17.0
590	298	GWR Gp	588	...	...	1.7	30.2
246	149	Grampian	234	...	6.5	3.5	16.1
22	4½	Greenwich Com	16	-2	...	...	...
95	19	HTV Group	88	-1	...	...	39.1
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	8½	...	...	...	...
510	405	LWT Hldgs	503	...	...	1.2	23.3
600	327	Man Utd	550	...	...	4.4	22.2
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	...	3.9	6.2	6.3
77	33	The Pelican Gp	72	+1	...	1.9	16.9
170	55	Prism Leisure	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde	309	...	...	3.4	24.2
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	197	...	...	2.9	26.1
553	410	Scot TV	444	...	10.3	2.9	21.9
65	37	Southern Radio	51	...	0.7	1.9	21.2
260	168	Stanley Leisure	249	...	4.3	2.2	19.6
10	5½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	107	...	...	2.4	5.5
78	44	Trans World	64	...	...	1.6	23.3
499	274	Ulster TV	477	...	12.0	3.1	14.6
109	62	Vardon	103	-1	0.8	1.0	24.3
22	11	Wembley	16½	-½	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	34	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	211	+2	12.0	7.1	6.4
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	-2	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5900	1800	Am Gold	5750	-146½	...	3.8	29.2
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1558½	-6½	...	5.8	8.2
2550	1125	Ang Am	2450	-96½	...	2.8	21.4
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	25½	-3½	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	181	-11	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	39	...	...	...	–
871	233	Buffels	803	-18	...	7.9	7.3
2½	1	Butte	2	-½	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	712	-11	...	2.8	24.5
43½	11	Cluff Res	35½	+½	...	...	...
1406½	762½	De Beers	1287½	-21½	...	3.8	17.6
165	37½	Deelkraal	139	...	...	1.4	16.0
96	7	Doornfontein	64	-4	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	815	-15	...	3.6	16.1
788	120	Durban	748	-14	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	150	-1	...	7.1	4.7
175	35	E Rand Prop	84 †	+8	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	50	...	...	5.0	10.7
604	117	Elandsrand	431	-5	...	2.8	10.6
1042	292	FS Cons	1018	-23	...	4.7	13.3
80	8	FS Dev	61	-3	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1494	-56	...	2.6	25.9
110	62½	Gencor	105	...	...	8.3	–
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	49½	-1	...	2.7	20.2
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	152	...	...	6.6	9.5
360	78	Harmony	324	-4	...	...	...
425	87	Hartes	392	-21	...	6.9	15.6
16½	8½	Inoco	15½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	829	-19	...	3.3	28.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	...	...	...	...
1092	332	Kinross	1081	-11	...	5.2	–
913	319	Kloof	684	-23	...	3.1	9.6
137	25	Leslie	127	+10	...	8.2	–
314	13	Loraine	314	+19	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	–
116½	80	MIM	97½	...	...	2.3	47.4
1322	820	Minorco	1295	-16	...	3.0	15.3
152½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	138½	-5½	...	3.5	22.8
2712½	612½	Orange Free	2687½	-21½	...	4.7	21.9
746	607	RTZ	684	+6	...	5.0	18.9
637½	425	Rand Mines	597½	-3	...	7.3	–
671	150	Randfontein	583	-10	...	4.8	8.7
192	115	Renison	175	-5	...	2.5	18.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1037½	-21½	...	3.1	–
725	191	St Helena	667	-10	...	3.6	14.2
2168	475	Southvaal	2019	-38	...	2.8	36.9
119	18	Stilfontein	80	-3	...	7.8	14.5
201	58	Unisel	157	-1	...	4.2	–
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	6025	-237½	...	3.6	10.9
703	154	Welkom	684	-19	...	4.8	21.5
640	26	Western Areas	608	-32	...	0.8	19.4
3000	587½	Western Deep	2937½	-62½	...	2.1	14.3
283	176	Wstrn Mining	244	-9	...	2.0	...
1085	323	Winkels	1031	-2	...	3.7	–
84	49	Zambia Copper	53	-2	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	61	...	...	7.2	20.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	248	+10	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	3.0	3.2	11.3
153	78	Appleyard	128	...	...	5.1	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	305	-5	...	3.8	15.5
192	120	Bostrom	185	...	6.0	4.1	32.7
468	165	Br Aerospace	415	-9	7.3	2.2	...
56	19½	Burndene	51	...	...	2.8	13.5
388	303	Caffyns	358	...	11.5	4.0	72.4
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	131	-2	...	3.8	33.3
32	18	Cook (DC)	28	...	...	2.7	15.9
267	156	Cowie (T)	235	+1	6.6	3.5	17.9
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	147	-1	...	3.4	18.6
330	155	ERF	324	-3	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	132	-2	...	3.6	18.3
406	208	Evans Halshaw	403	...	11.4	3.6	62.1
250	211	FR Group	214	-1	...	4.2	10.0
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4025	-168½	...	...	...
3709½	2143½	General Mtr	3575	-112½	...	1.5	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	243	+2	3.5	1.8	...
1056	650	Honda Motor	856	-11	...	1.0	...
35	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	96	...	4.5	6.0	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	159	...	...	2.8	22.5
420	281	Lex Service	416	+3	...	3.4	22.7
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	174	+3	...	5.0	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	26	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	250	-1	...	3.2	20.5
190	101½	Perry Gp	163	...	...	5.5	...
190	108	Quicks Group	164	...	...	3.6	21.0
169	98½	Rolls-Royce	163½	+½	...	3.8	...
223	164	T & N	194	-1	...	7.0	27.6
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	239	...	...	2.9	22.2
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	168	-1	...	3.1	23.5
253	121	Westland	224	+1	4.2	2.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	280	Blenheim Gp	323	-10	...	3.6	12.0
370	275	Bristol	355	...	...	4.1	32.0
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	...	134	1.7	21.6
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	...	134	1.8	21.4
355	251	Dorling Kind	342	-1	3.3	1.2	–
5637½	4337½	Elsevier	5187½	-34½	...	1.8	17.5
373	322	EMAP	355	...	...	2.9	21.7
1375	873	Euromoney Pb	1375	...	38.0	3.5	–
264	170	Harrington K	192	...	4.7	3.1	15.7
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	335	Hodder H'line	335	...	5.1	1.9	28.5
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	145	+1	...	...	21.0
14	6½	Intl Cm & Data	11	...	...	...	...
435	240	Independent	420	...	...	3.0	22.7
580	395	Johnston Press	516	-4	6.5	1.6	22.3
327	243	Metal Bulletin	327	...	8.2	3.1	23.1
186	88	Mirror Gp	152	-3	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	427	-8	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	264	-1	...	0.6	16.2
586	354	Pearson	565	+6	...	2.7	30.7
675	510	Portsmth Sund	613	+1	...	1.9	16.9
784	618	Reed Int	727	-5	...	3.0	31.7
165	98	Southnews	165	...	...	1.8	30.3
171	90	Sterling Pub	160	...	...	2.3	17.6
423	328	Telegraph	370	...	...	4.1	15.5
836	715	Thomson Corp	825 †	...	...	1.8	41.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	387	+6	9.0	3.1	22.0
39	27	Usk Group	27	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	528	-1	...	5.1	14.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	27	-½	...	...	26.3
61	34	Arcon Intl	35	-1	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	58	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	71	...	...	...	...
16	5½	Beverley	5½	...	...	...	54.7
223	145	Br Borneo	217	-1	7.1	4.1	6.6
348	276	British Gas	322	+3	14.2	5.5	15.6
362½	225	Br Petroleum	343½ †	+4½	8.4	3.1	27.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castl	734	-8	...	5.6	17.1
68	32	Cairn Energy	62	-1	...	...	8.9
306	223	Calor Gp	297 †	-1	...	5.1	16.2
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	46	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	37	+3	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	484	+6	19.0	5.2	25.0
88	32	Exp Co Louis	36	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	4.7	8.2
10½	4	Fortune	4½	+½	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	109	-2	...	0.7	15.7
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	127½	LASMO	133	+1	...	3.1	26.9
103	62	-do- Units	74	...	9.4	16.0	...
24	4	Mid Scot Res	4½	...	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	50½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	-1	1.0	4.3	10.0
38	27	Oil Search	36	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrel	17½	...	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	26½	...	...	...	9.8
168	50	Presidio	158	-5	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	365	-10	...	4.4	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	6887½	...	...	4.4	17.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4087½	-34½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	686	+5	22.6	4.2	21.1
303	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Tritton Europe	16	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	195	-4	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
353	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
231	144	Arjo Wiggins	231	-1	...	3.5	37.3
543	408	Abbott Mead	535	...	9.5	2.2	28.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	19	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	139	...	...	4.7	11.7
20	7	BBB Design	18	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	371	...	...	4.0	16.2
30½	7½	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	130	...	4.0	3.8	19.6
352	257	CIA Gp	350	-2	...	1.6	22.1
230	93	Capital Inds	168	...	...	2.7	16.0
92	44	City of Lon	91	+2	...	5.4	16.6
299	169	Cropper (Jmes)	259	+10	3.2	1.4	28.8
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	87	-1	1.6	2.4	11.7
120	94	Dolphin Pack	109	-2	4.5	5.2	26.9
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	78	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	10½	Elswick	14	...	...	2.7	15.7
74	41	Fairway Group	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.8
346	271	Ferguson Intl	340	-1	...	4.6	15.4
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
162	74	Filofax	158	-1	...	1.2	20.3
20	10½	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
130	69	Gibbon Lyons	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	206	Gold Greenless	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
41	17	Goodhead	17	...	0.5	3.7	...
88	35	Huntleprint	37	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
278	191	Jarvis Porter	276	-1	...	2.2	25.0
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	33	-½	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	332	-1	13.2	5.0	39.7
133	48	NMC Group	114	...	2.7	3.0	17.4
204	66	Osborne & Little	198	-5	...	2.9	21.7
525	455	Portals	494 †	-1	...	3.7	17.0
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2	-½	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	282	...	...	2.6	17.4
347	270	St Ives Gp	380	+3	...	2.5	18.5
186	142½	Saatchi	179	+1	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	359	-19	...	9.1	6.9
32	11½	Seriff	14½	-1	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	26	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	335	-1	...	3.7	17.6
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	246 †	-3	...	1.7	5.9
88	45	Sonic	85	...	2.5	3.7	34.4
246	183	Stat-Plus	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
104	38	VTR	101	-2	...	4.8	–
106	40	WPP	90	...	...	1.4	3.4
179	62	Wace	168	+3	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	236	...	...	4.4	17.4
410	270	Watmough	390	...	...	1.9	30.6
7	4	Westport	4½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whinney Mck	19	...	...	...	...
90	55	Wood (SW)	90	...	...	2.1	19.1

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109	-1	...	4.0	28.2
47	35	Arcadian	35 †	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	-½	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	126	...	...	2.1	13.3
152	88	Avonside	129	-2	4.1	4.0	18.0
2637½	2002½	BCE	2325	-25	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	644	-1	18.9	3.7	23.3
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	227 †	+2	5.9	3.2	23.0
23	5	Bredero	14	...	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	416	+1	...	2.1	37.9
248	140½	Brixton	234	-1	...	4.5	18.5
89	42	Burford	86	...	...	1.9	...
187	99	Cap & Regnl	184	-1	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
593	196	Chesterfield	585	+2	11.5	2.5	41.6
43	12	City Site Ests	28	...	...	...	...
29	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Rtbist GS	45	...	...	...	...
1395	818	Daejan	1390	-5	...	2.4	17.2
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
180	76	Denecora	178	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	263	Derwent Hldgs	608	...	8.7	1.8	75.8
45	10	Development Sec	32	...	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	...	2.6	44.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	-1	...	2.7	18.5
35½	11	Five Oaks	32	...	...	...	...
64	30	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	2.0	42.4
490	276½	Frogmore	470	-2	...	4.3	22.7
200	97	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	44.5
233	116½	Gt Portland	214 †	+2	...	4.7	20.5
33	7½	Greycoat	31½	...	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	174	-2	...	3.6	22.9
84	35	Hambro Cnsyw	62	+2	0.5	1.0	...
427	257½	Hammerson	409	-1	10.0	3.1	41.4
663	245	-do- 'A'	376	-1	10.0	3.3	38.0
292	127	Helical Bar	288	...	...	2.1	10.3
39	19	Hemingway	33	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	-1	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	133	...	...	...	...
740	435	Land Sec	730	+4	23.1	4.1	21.3
113	73	Lon Merch Sec	109	-1	4.0	4.6	16.9
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	-1	...	...	...
537	315½	MEPC	520	+7	...	4.8	22.4
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
145	90	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
7½	3	Marchealth	7½	...	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	63	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	45	-1	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1300	-100	20.0	2.1	11.9
171	112	Mucklow (A&J)	171	...	...	4.5	26.6
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	...	...	...
10½	2½	Osory Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
172	88	PSIT	163	...	4.1	3.2	32.3
359	138	Peel	334	...	4.0	1.5	...
16	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	36	+1	...	...	10.3
63	33½	Raglan	37 †	+1½	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	24	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
76	39	Savills	76	...	...	1.6	30.1
112	33½	Scot Met	90 †	+3	...	2.1	–
117	39	Shaftesbury	116	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
272	139½	Slough Estates	256	...	...	4.0	17.9
87	56	Southend Prop	80	-1	...	3.8	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	28	...	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
137	79	Town Centre	134 †	+1	...	3.2	24.0
93	43	Trafford Park	91	...	...	3.8	21.4
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
277	180	Warner	274	-1	10.4	4.7	25.0
219	168	Warnford	212	+2	7.5	4.4	15.5
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	89	...	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	65	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic	26	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	175	...	...	2.1	39.5
500	315	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
100	44	Pittards	50	...	1.5	3.8	14.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
218	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	61	-1	...	5.3	2.0

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	488	...	12.7	3.3	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	–
41	21	Bolton Gp	21	...	...	...	...
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
53	15	Charwell	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	324	...	7.5	2.9	20.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	554	-1	13.9	3.1	15.2
53½	24½	Cupid	28	...	...	...	...
248½	182	Dawson	186	+2½	...	6.0	14.2
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Faupel	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	118	-1	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	217	...	...	2.3	16.8
90	45	Jerome (S)	69	...	...	0.4	...
422	349	Lamont	394	-11	12.0	3.8	26.1
515	353½	Leeds	498	...	...	1.9	24.0
64	15	Lister	59	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	87	...	...	4.7	...
215	89	Magellan	213	...	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	207 †	...	...	1.0	...
102½	82	Readicut	97½	-½	...	4.4	18.3
66	35	SEET	54	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	132	...	...	5.1	9.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	-1	1.8	3.3	17.4
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	283	...	11.5	5.1	24.4
62½	32½	West Trust	37	+1	2.5	8.4	–
232	126	Yorklyde	230	...	...	2.9	15.1

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521½	407	BAT	490	-4	...	4.9	14.7

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	486	+4	...	2.3	...
941	707	BAA	933	+7	...	2.2	23.2
414	249	Br Airways	413	+4	...	3.3	18.4
110	56	Clarkson (H)	103	...	1.7	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	436	+3	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	78	...	0.5	0.8	20.9
211	147	IOM Steam	208	...	...	5.0	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	-1	0.5	1.9	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	102	...	...	1.3	18.7
445	264	Mersey Docks	420	...	...	2.7	28.6
271	181	Natl Express	260	...	...	3.4	26.9
284	230	NFC	239	...	6.3	3.4	18.2
343	244	Ocean Group	330	+8	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	71	...	4.0	7.0	12.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	572	+12	...	6.7	31.0
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	188	...	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	597	-2	...	4.7	23.1
225	117	Seacon	210	-2	...	3.2	13.2
163	112	Stagecoach	141	...	...	3.4	–
81½	31½	TNT	73	-3½	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	728	-15	12.6	2.2	27.9
382	37	Tiphook	70	+5	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	271	+1	...	4.4	9.0

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	455	Anglian Water	537	+10	...	5.1	10.6
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	673 †	+10	...	4.3	6.9
567	431½	North West	532	+5	...	5.0	9.5
578	439	Severn Trent	553	+10	...	4.8	8.9
617	454	Sthrn Water	585	+10	...	4.6	9.7
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1530	...	48.5	4.0	10.8
622	465	South West	571	+5	...	5.2	9.4
584	454	Thames Water	522 †	+2	...	5.1	10.2
681	506	Welsh Water	642	+4	...	4.6	8.5
693	536	Wessex Water	634	+5	...	4.2	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	556	+9	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	...	8.45	5.26
109	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	-	14.15	5.14
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	103	-	13.06	5.17
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102 †	...	9.75	5.23
110	105	Exch 12¼% 1994	105½	...	11.88	5.21
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.69	5.16
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	-	11.17	5.22
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.08	4.83
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.52	5.32
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	...	11.22	5.39
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.96	5.48
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	...	12.52	5.57
130	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.27	5.60
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.96	5.72
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	+	10.95	5.87
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.26	5.88
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	+	8.00	5.91
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	+	11.48	6.08
113	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	113	+	8.63	6.13
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	104	+	6.93	6.03
104	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104	+	6.94	6.04
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.63	5.42
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	+	10.81	6.36

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	138	+	11.22	6.24
124	118	Exch 12% 1998	123	...	9.70	6.39
114	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113	+	8.35	6.32
126	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	+	9.74	6.46
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118	...	8.84	6.39
119	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118	...	8.64	6.45
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	113	+	7.96	6.43
137	125	Treas 13% 2000	133	+	9.75	6.67
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	118	+	8.43	6.69
119	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	-	8.20	6.81
109	97	Treas 8% 2003	108 †	-	7.36	6.72
122	109	Treas 10% 2003	121	-	8.20	4.85
126	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125	+	9.13	6.91
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	-	4.34	5.07
120	105	Conv 9½% 2004	119	+	7.95	6.89
120	105	Conv 9½% 2005	119	+	7.93	6.93
138	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	137	-	9.07	7.12
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	107	-	7.44	6.89
131	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130	-	8.98	7.09
113	97	Treas 8½% 2007	112	-	7.56	7.00
146	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145	-	9.26	7.14

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
118½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	117	...	7.66	7.05
109	92	Treas 8% 2009	108	...	7.38	7.08
119½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	118	+	7.59	7.11
120½	100	Treas 9% 2012	119	+	7.55	7.10
88	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87	+	6.29	6.70
108½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107½	+	7.21	7.02
110½	93	Treas 8% 2013	109	+	7.31	7082
150	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	149 †	+	8.04	7.27
110	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	+	7.37	7.08

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49½	38½	War Ln 3½%	49½ †	...	7.09	...
34	27	Treas 2½%	34	-	7.32	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	136½	+	...	...
203½	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	203	-	1.06	2.02
112	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112½	-	1.48	2.16
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172	-	2.44	2.83
169	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168½	-	2.63	2.95
115½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114½	-	2.71	3.01
180½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	178	-	2.70	2.94
164½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162	-	2.87	3.08
170	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169½	-	2.93	3.12
141	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	-	2.97	3.14
151½	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	-	3.01	3.18
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145	-	3.07	3.21
123½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121½	-	3.07	3.20
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Supermarkets are preparing doomsday weapons in the fight for customers, **Alan Mitchell** says

Shops play high-stake cards

A new phenomenon is about to burst upon the country's supermarket shoppers. Loyalty schemes, designed to keep them from straying to rivals down the road, are coming.

After years of rumour and denials, Sainsbury, the United Kingdom's biggest grocer, has quietly started testing a new "Savercard" scheme, by which customers accumulate points on a chequecard-style piece of plastic, to be redeemed against future purchases. Not to be outdone, Tesco has begun trialling a similar "ClubCard".

Meanwhile, Safeway, the number three grocer, is debating whether to go national after a year-long trial of Air Miles. And this month, Asda rolls out Catalina, a state-of-the-art promotion scheme that uses sophisticated computer software to analyse each shopping basket as it goes through the till and generate instant, specifically-targeted coupons. These will keep customers returning to its stores, Asda believes.

Loyalty schemes are hardly new. Green Shield Stamps were a primitive but successful ancestor. Companies such as British Home Stores and Sainsbury's Homebase have long operated loyalty cards. Air Miles is well-established in certain sectors.

But so far the big grocery chains have stayed clear, arguing that their mix of products, prices and service is enough to keep customers happy. They have also been daunted by the costs of such schemes: promoting, administering, and offering expensive "incentives" to keep customers loyal can add up to a big drain on profits.

Recession, over-ambitious superstore opening programmes, and the new discounter threat is changing all that. Along with many other industries, the grocery chains are shifting their marketing focus. The prime aim is to keep existing customers rather than to acquire new ones, and they are having to improve their offers just to achieve this modest aim. Anthony Rees, director of marketing at Sainsbury, says: "These days people say, 'I spend a fortune at Sainsbury, aren't I a valued customer?' Our argument is that we offer best value. We can earn their loyalty from this basic offer — or from offering rather more." In Sainsbury's Savercard case, that "rather more" is £50 in £1,000 — a potential 5 per cent slice off its margins.

Loyalty schemes have to be very valuable to make such numbers add up. They can be. For a start, if a portion of your customer base is persuaded not to defect to a new superstore down the road, an extra discount may well be worth paying.

But there are other benefits. Incentives can be structured to edge occasional shoppers into becoming frequent shoppers, and to persuade existing frequent shoppers to spend more. To start earning points on the Sainsbury scheme, for example, you must spend £20, higher than its average shopping bill.

Potentially most important of all, loyalty schemes can be used to build a customer database. For the first time, grocers can acquire, systematically, the names and addresses of the people who shop with them. Their shopping baskets can be analysed and the potential for tightly-targeted promotions teased out. Or the database can be used to target potential new customers. Homebase, for example, already uses its one million strong database to find out where high proportions of "loyal promotion-responsive customers" live and to woo similar people in similar areas.

In fact, grocery-based loyalty schemes are potentially so powerful they are seen as a marketing atom bomb: better deployed as a deterrent or used only as a last resort: proliferation to be opposed; a matter for top secrecy (Tesco and Safeway refuse point blank to say a thing about their tests).

A more open Sainsbury stresses its Savercard is still experimental. It is only being deployed in a tiny number of carefully targeted stores where the need is urgent: for example, where competitor superstores are invading nearby territory, Mr Rees says.

But chances are that a full-scale loyalty war will soon break out. One good reason is that the biggest and most ambitious loyalty scheme yet is poised for a spring 1994 launch. The programme, the brainchild of AT&T Istel, the United States telecommunications giant, will combine top grocery, petrol, clothing, DIY, travel and entertainment organisations in one single offer. Anyone spending money in any of the participating retailers will earn discount points redeemable in any of their stores.

AT&T has already set aside £8 million just to publicise the launch. Marcus Evans, a director of the promotions company PPP, which is advising AT&T on the launch, says: "It will have a very, very large impact on the high street. A great furore will be created."

The question at the back of everyone's minds is, will "customer loyalty", like more traditional price wars, end up being just another zero-sum game for marketers? Probably, but consumers will benefit.



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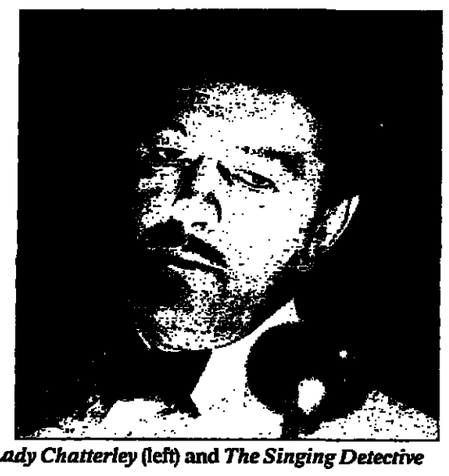
What is the BBC to do? The government wants not only back-to-basics, 1950s values but also a free market, in which, says **Roger Graef**, sex and violence will run riot. At risk is Britain's cultural identity



Michael Ignatieff's *Blood and Belonging*, revealing the dangers of a combative isolationism



The British are opting for sex-spiced TV, as in *Lady Chatterley* (left) and *The Singing Detective*





Sex comes again in the well-crafted *Buddha of Suburbia*, although *The Sun* (inset) disapproved

Help the BBC survive the American attack

The government views broadcasting like local government, supporting two opposing ideas before breakfast: devolution and centralisation. Much of what passes for its policy on broadcasting speaks of satisfying viewers' wishes, and removing regulation — hence the weakened ITC replacing the old IBA, and the complete freedom from regulation of cable and satellite companies.

In this free-for-all, foreign media giants are preparing to move in on British television and cable companies. At the same time, the government restricts ITV franchise holders from consolidating into world-class players. It has treated the BBC with the same inconsistency: first urging it to invest in satellite (remember DBS?). Then it blames the corporation for spreading itself too thin, demands wholesale reorganisation and editorial restraint and cuts the World Service budget.

Now "Back to basics" includes a critique of sex and violence on television, lumping the two together, as is so often done, to suggest that the depiction of either or both promotes moral decay rather than reflecting it.

But the predicament facing champions both of morality and the free market is that when left to its own devices, many "customers" choose sex, or violence, or both. The last episode of the witty and well-made *The Buddha Of Suburbia*, on BBC2, attracted the advance opprobrium of *The Sun* for its orgiastic sex scene; it then chastised its readers for helping to double the series' viewing figures. The high ratings for BBC1's *Lady Chatterley*, if proof was needed, that many viewers like sex enough to put up with productions that would otherwise slip into oblivion.

On issues concerning sex, politicians are at their most hypocritical: in a decade when videos and films became ever more explicit, one scene in Dennis Potter's *The Singing Detective* (BBC1) stood for a decade of alleged obscene display. That prudishness now seems ludicrous to anyone who has stayed in an international hotel room and seen the variety of porn on offer through cable and satellite.

A growing number of links are being forged into the global telecommunications network. The result of those links is not just a huge commercial "opportunity" which is being used as the basis to argue for the privatisation of the BBC in some quarters. It offers a major threat to British cultural values. The erosion of a coherent and recognisable set of British values — for all the diversity of class, race and religion that is contained within such a description (itself the subtext of *Buddha*) — makes the call for "Back to basics" as implausible as Canute trying to stop the tide.

British telecommunications have evolved slowly since the war: from steam radio to black-and-white television, to ITV in the 1950s, to three channels, then four, and video in the eighties. Although films have been increasingly American, the vast majority of television output has been home-grown. But this year we have suddenly been connected to 20 more channels via the Astra satellite — a bigger expansion in a month than the entire history of British media.

> The French are already alert to the dangers to their culture

Most of these new channels show largely American programmes or movies, apart from news or sport. As viewers of BSkyB and morning television know, a growing proportion of British and European output is itself modelled on the upbeat, breezy "feel-good" tone of American television.

Moreover, by the end of the decade, if the telecoms boffins have their way, our telephones and computers will bypass the television transmitters to give an infinite choice of programming — likely to be dominated by output from America. Such unlimited access will make nonsense of any attempt to sustain standards of taste and decency with the care and attention they have so far received in Britain.

To expand their already dominant position, the Americans have been campaigning vigorously to remove the EC quota of 50 per cent European-made material as part of the Gatt negotiations. The French, as ever more sensitive to the preservation of their culture, are already alert to this and have been forging cultural alliances that have been greeted here largely by mockery. But the fierceness with which Maastricht was resisted in some quarters seems curiously absent in the face of a far more pervasive loss of influence — over British culture itself.

Swingeing cuts in the budgets of the BBC World Service, the library service and the Arts Council seem perverse and short-sighted in the extreme at such a time. These are the very institutions which promulgate and protect the stuff of living, differentiated local and national culture against the mass media.

The links between British broadcasting, film, the arts and culture are elaborate but fragile. They are seriously at risk from foreign investors taking control of British media with government blessing. Its unswerving belief in the free market not only brings with it a likely increase in internationalised and wordless sex and violence — directly contrary to the government's declared policy — but it will also sever the lifeline to local film makers, actors, theatre companies, and orchestras.

The irony of this short-sightedness is that we are stripping ourselves of the very tools with which to ride the tidal wave of internationalised info-tainment. Even as John Patten invokes studies of the classics and the key dates of British imperial history, he has removed media education from the national curriculum. Fearing perhaps it is a left-wing plot, he is depriving pupils of the tools to decode and stand apart from the embrace of video games and pop culture.

The wistful talk of returning to the fifties misunderstands that it was a time when the nation spoke to itself — through the arts, a thriving film industry, flourishing libraries, and most of all through the BBC. Now any government that hopes to preserve what can be recognised as British needs to do all that it can to protect the arts, and their largest patron, the BBC.

As we head towards the next millennium, if Britishness is to mean more than head-in-the-sand Little England-ism, a combative isolationism of the kind described vividly in Michael Ignatieff's *Blood and Belonging* (on BBC2), then we need an institution committed to promoting diversity and understanding, a rallying point and a forum for debate and reflection, to keep track of the political and cultural uncertainty around us. Many of us who are not British live here because of the BBC and what it stands for. Many in the rest of the world turn to it for the truth. We all should be grateful it is still there.

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Law Report November 24 1993 Queen's Bench Division

Local authority owes no duty of care towards children in its area

X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council

Before Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment November 12]

There was no right of action in private law by a child injured as a result of a local authority's alleged failure to comply with the duties imposed on it by virtue of any child care legislation, nor was it Parliament's intention to confer any such right.

Nor were there any compelling reasons of public policy, and it was neither just nor reasonable, for the court to declare a local authority owed a duty of care towards children within its area.

Mr Justice Turner so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a judgment delivered in open court after a hearing in chambers on the defendant's application by summons to strike out, under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme court and/or the court's inherent jurisdiction, the infant plaintiffs' claim, suing by their next friend, the Official Solicitor, against the defendant, Bedfordshire County Council, for damages for personal injuries, loss and damage as a result of negligence and/or breach of statutory duty. The court, in the exercise of its discretion, struck out the statement of claim, and granted the plaintiffs leave to appeal.

Mr Ian Karsten, QC and Lord Meston for Bedfordshire; Mr Allan Levy, QC and Miss Elizabeth Anne Gumbel for the plaintiffs.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that the statement of claim alleged that there was a course or series of failures in the discharge of the defendant's statutory functions under the relevant child care legislation (Children and Young Persons Act 1969, Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, Child Care Act 1980 and Children Act 1989) between October 1987 to April 1992, which caused personal injuries to all the infant plaintiffs.

The defendant contended that no action for breach of statutory duty lay against a local authority in the discharge of its functions under the legislation; wide discretionary powers were conferred on the authority and the exercise of that discretion was a matter of public law and could only be challenged by judicial review.

The nature of the statutory duty imposed was such that applying the well recognised, if somewhat loosely defined, tests Parliament could not have intended to provide remedies by way of actions for damages in the event of any breach of duty.

The plaintiffs' case was that, assuming that there was any doubt in the matter, it was inappropriate to proceed by way of Order 18, rule 19 or under the court's inherent jurisdiction in a matter where the issue of law was not straightforward and where, in any event, issues of public policy arose.

Breach of statutory duty

His Lordship, having considered the relevant statutory provisions and especially the 1989 Act, noted in relation to that Act the broad nature of the statutory duties there imposed. The nature of the alleged duties, as a matter of impression, was diffuse and hard to define in terms likely to yield a clear finding of circumstances which might give rise to a valid cause of action. That might be a pointer to Parliament's intention.

Even from a cursory reading of the 1989 Act, it was evident its objectives were to bring about a radical change in the way in which children's welfare, in its widest sense, was to be approached not just by the courts but also by all those agencies which were detailed to become involved in that welfare.

The statement of claim alleged that the local authority had a duty to apply to the court for a care or supervision order under Part IV of the 1989 Act (sections 31 to 42) if the child satisfied certain specified criteria.

His Lordship said that reading that Part of the Act did not reveal the source of the duty there asserted. Even where a court required a local authority to undertake an investigation under section 37(1), the authority was not obliged to make the application albeit it had to inform the court why it did not intend to do so if such were the case.

The statement of claim further alleged that under Part V of the 1989 Act (sections 43 to 52) the defendant had a duty to enquire in respect of any child it had reasonable cause to suspect was suffering significant harm and to take appropriate action, the reference being to section 47.

His Lordship said that it was important to have clearly in mind that the section constrained the authority to conduct its investigations to particular, and it might be thought, informed persons other than the authority itself, namely the local education authority, the local housing authority, the local health authority and any person authorised by the Secretary of State for Health.

The 1989 Act, unlike the other Acts referred to, contained default powers which if exercised might direct, by an order of *mandamus*, the authority to comply with its duties: section 84.

Mr Karsten submitted, *inter alia*, that all the statutory provisions referred to conferred on a local authority an unfettered discretion as to the way in which it should perform its statutory duty, and he referred to *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363, 371-372, 377).

He submitted, further, that the duties pleaded were broad and on their proper construction were duties owed to the public at large and not to individuals. Attention was also drawn to section 26 of the 1989 Act, which came into effect after October 1991, providing for the secretary of state to issue regulations to authorities to make reviews of cases and enquiries into representations.

His Lordship said that it was difficult to envisage terms wider than those in section 17(1) of the 1989 Act owed by every local authority in the provision of services for children and their families; see also the wording of subsection (2) and paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 2.

Mr Levy contended that public law could not provide a realistic remedy for children who, by virtue of the condition which was likely to have engaged the provisions of child care legislation, were least likely to be able to mobilise any application for judicial review within the required limit of three months. Therefore an action for damages should as a matter of policy be available to any child who suffered injury and whose need for attention under the legislation had been missed.

Even though the cause of action might involve an investigation of matters falling within the public law sphere, that did not preclude entitlement to assert a private law right. Moreover, the limitations of possible redress by judicial review could not provide any control of day-to-day administration.

Furthermore, there was nothing in the wording of any of the Acts to demonstrate it was Parliament's intention to exclude private rights of such a vulnerable class, as children were, in society. Alternatively, the authority's duty only arose in respect of that limited class of children whose circumstances were such as to bring them, potentially, within the purview of the particular Act in consideration.

Both parties sought support from what the Court of Appeal had said in *Nottingham County Council v P* (*The Times* April 8; [1993] 3 WLR 637, 650-651), namely that the court was deeply concerned at the absence in the 1989 Act of any power to direct an authority to take steps to protect children.

His Lordship respectfully ventured to think that the answer to the problem posed there by Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, was to be found in the provisions of section 26(3) to (7).

Both parties also relied on *Puhlhofer v Hillingdon London Borough Council* ([1986] AC 484, 518) where the statutory duty on local authorities to investigate in relation to homelessness under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 was expressed in terms similar to section 47 of the 1989 Act.

The plaintiffs contended it pointed to the absence of alternative remedy, apart from their argument as to the impracticability of a child being able to invoke judicial review. The defendant on the other hand contended that it showed the undesirability for public policy reasons of there being any remedy for a simple failure of the fact-finding process which Part III of the 1989 Act required of a local authority.

It seemed, in his Lordship's view, that in any given case the general duty under the child care legislation had in the end to be brought to bear to any one child who fell within the criteria for assistance by the local authority.

Mr Levy submitted that it had to have been a principal objective in that legislation that the health and safety of an identifiable group had been put at risk and action was required to remedy that situation, which was not necessarily achievable if an individual was not accorded a private law right.

The most recent restatement of what right a particular statute, on its proper construction, intended to confer was in the speech of Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle in *R v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison, Ex parte Hague* ([1992] 1 AC 58, 168G-171A).

His Lordship's conclusion was that Parliament did not intend any private law right of action for the following reasons:

1 The 1970 Act merely allocated duties to specified local authorities.

2 The House of Lords negatived the existence of a private law right in *A v Liverpool City Council*.

3 The principle of *stare decisis* applied: there was not only no obvious intention by the legislature to disturb the effect of that case, but, on the contrary, the shape and content of the 1989 Act pointed strongly in the other direction. Many of the duties imposed by the 1989 Act were expressed in terms similar to duties under the housing Acts, the decisions of local authorities which were only challengeable by judicial review.

4 If a local authority might be liable in private law for breach of statutory duty, so too, arguably, might other agencies who might be involved in the decision-making process, for example, the police, health and education authorities. That such agencies might be involved in common law actions and the prospect of claims for contribution between them might be a sufficient indication Parliament did not contemplate the possibility of actions for damages for alleged failures by any of the agencies involved.

5 The duty a local authority was called on to discharge was one imposed on it by law and was not voluntarily assumed.

Negligence

Hitherto, no tort of negligence by a local authority towards children was recognised, and compelling reasons of social policy had to exist before such a tort should be recognised: see *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* ([1990] 2 AC 605, 617-618).

The allegations of negligence did not add to the allegations of fact that were said to amount to breaches of statutory duty. His Lordship could not accept the defendant's submission that as the cause of the injury was the fault of the parents the local authority could not be held liable on the basis that it ought not to be found liable for the damage caused by the acts or omissions of a third party.

In the circumstances of a child in need, the whole point of the legislation was that the child should be rescued through the machinery which the local authority was obliged by the legislation to operate to protect him from his parents' or carers' inadequacies.

The defendant was on stronger ground in submitting that it was neither just nor reasonable that a private law action should be brought as it was contrary to the public interest that such actions should be permitted.

Such actions would not assist local authorities to discharge their duty towards others to whom their efforts should be directed; scarce resources would be diverted into making investigations, and the content of the records maintained by the particular authority would come into the public domain.

That was something which would not be in the child's interest and might well lead to guarded or defensive record keeping to the disadvantage of others: the comments of Lord Keith of Kinkel in *Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire* ([1989] AC 53, 63) were appropriate to the circumstances of an authority engaged in the field of child care.

Having regard to the clear decisions at which his Lordship had arrived, the plaintiffs had no right to claim damages for breach of statutory duty nor a cause of action in negligence, and in the proper exercise of his discretion the statement of claim would be struck out.

Solicitors: Vizards: Conway Wood & Co, Harpenden.

Payment in advance of completion

Target Holdings Ltd v Redferns and Another

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment November 8]

A firm of solicitors which paid mortgage money to the vendor of a property in advance of the completion date was liable to the mortgagee for the money, even though the property was subsequently conveyed. The solicitors were entitled to credit for money realised from the sale of the property by the mortgagee.

The Court of Appeal so held (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson dissenting) rejecting an appeal by Redferns, the first defendants, against an order of Mr Justice Warner made on a motion for summary judgment giving them leave to defend a claim by Target Holdings Ltd for breach of trust on condition they make a £1 million interim payment to the plaintiff against a guarantee of repayment, and allowing a cross-appeal by Target for summary judgment in the sum of £1,490,000 together with interest.

Mr Anthony Mann, QC and Mr Grant Crawford for Redferns; Mr Nicholas Patten, QC and Mr Thomas Leech for Target; the second defendant, Alexander Stephens & Co Ltd, did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said Redferns had acted for Target as the mortgagee lending a sum of £1,525,000 to Crowngate Developments Ltd, the prospective purchaser and mortgagor of a property valued allegedly negligently by the second defendant at £2 million.

Redferns had received the mortgage money from Target and held it on a bare trust subject to Redferns having implied authority to pay the money to Crowngate once the property had been transferred.

Redferns had paid the money in breach of trust on June 29 and July 3, 1989. The transfers of the property were not executed until July 11 and the property was not charged until July 30, 1989.

The breach of trust was conscious and deliberate and compounded by the solicitor handling the transaction having told Target on July 4 that the purchase and charges had been completed. Target had since contracted to sell the property for £500,000.

A trustee or other fiduciary who in breach of trust disposed of trust property to a stranger came under an immediate duty to make restitution: see *Bishopsgate Investment Management v Maxwell* (*The Times* January 12; [1993] BCC 120).

In his Lordship's judgment the cause of action was constituted simply by the payment away of Target's moneys in breach of trust and the loss was quantified in the amount of those moneys, subject to Target giving credit for the realisation of the security it received. It was for Redferns to justify their action or otherwise to show why Target was not entitled to compensation in the sum claimed.

The appeal would be dismissed and the cross-appeal allowed. Redferns would be ordered to pay £1,490,000 with interest less the net proceeds of sale of the property.

Lord Justice Hirst agreed and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a dissenting judgment.

Solicitors: Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave; Rosling King.

US airman cannot sue his government

Littrell v Government of the United States of America and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment November 12]

A serving member of the United States Air Force could not bring an action in the English courts for damages for personal injuries arising out of medical treatment carried out at an American military hospital in England.

The 1951 NATO agreement regarding visiting forces of member states conferred no right of action on the plaintiff and as his treatment was carried out by the US government in the performance of its sovereign function of maintaining its armed forces it was thus immune from suit.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Ricardo Louis Littrell, from the judgment of Sir Gervase Sheldon, sitting as a High Court judge in June 1992 that the court had no jurisdiction as the defendant, the government of the United States, was immune from suit.

In November 1991 Mr Robert Carnwath QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, had acceded to an application by the second defendant, the UK Ministry of Defence, that it cease to be a party to the action ([1992] 3 All ER 218).

Mr Maurice H. Mendelson, QC, Mr Andrew Buchan and Mr Malcolm Shaw for the plaintiff; Mr Charles L. Falconer, QC and Mr Timothy Saloman, QC, for the US government.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the plaintiff, while serving in the USAF, received treatment at the United States military hospital at Lakenheath. Following the treatment he claimed to have lost the use of an arm and was discharged from his employment as being medically unfit.

His claim to compensation in the US was barred by the doctrine established in *Feres v US* ((1950) 340 US 135). Thus he had issued his writ in England against the US government and the Ministry of Defence.

The action against the ministry had been struck out by the deputy judge on the ground that the relevant terms of the Agreement regarding the Status of Forces of Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty 1951 (TS 3 (1955); Cmd 9363) (SOFA) did not on their proper construction confer a right of action on the plaintiff against the UK government. Split Gervase Sheldon had followed that construction of SOFA.

But the plaintiff's appeal against Mr Carnwath's decision had been abandoned. For it was now common ground between the parties that, contrary to the basis on which the matter had proceeded before Mr Carnwath, SOFA had never been incorporated into English municipal law.

Two questions now arose:

1 What, if any, relevance to the plaintiff's claim had SOFA?

2 Should the conduct of the US government that gave rise to the plaintiff's claim be characterised as *acta jure gestionis*, of a private or commercial law character in relation to which the US government was not immune from suit, or *acta jure imperii*, the exercise of sovereign, immune, authority, see *per* Lord Wilberforce in *I Congreso del Partido* ([1983] 1 AC 244).

The answers were:

1 SOFA was made in 1951 to regulate the stationing of the forces of member states in each others' territory. Article VIII dealt with claims for personal injury but had not been enacted into English law.

In *The Parlement Belge* ((1879) LR 4 PP 129) it was held that the terms of a treaty conferring immunity were ineffective in English law unless confirmed by the enactment of Parliament. Any other conclusion would permit the Crown, by entering into a treaty, to legislate without Parliament's consent. No authority cited to the court questioned that principle.

Accordingly, SOFA was irrelevant to the plaintiff's claim and Mr Carnwath should have so ruled and dismissed the action against the Ministry of Defence on that ground. Any matters relating to construction of terms of the treaty did not arise for determination.

2 As a matter of first impression, it would be astonishing if the plaintiff were able in a foreign court to recover from the state in whose forces he served, in respect of treatment provided by that state as an adjunct to that service, compensation on a basis not sustainable in the court of the state which he served.

As a matter of analysis the court had to look at all the circumstances in relation to the nature of the activity giving rise to the claim and its context and decide whether those factors together characterised the activity as sovereign or non-sovereign.

The activity here for consideration was the medical treatment by the US government in one of its base hospitals of a member of its forces. The nature of the treatment, the identity of those involved and the place where it was given were factors which together pointed irresistibly to the conclusion that the activity was *jure imperii*.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Hoffmann gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Cunningham John & Co, Thetford; Nabarro Nathanson.

Water authority liable for pollution released by unknown third party

National Rivers Authority v Yorkshire Water Services Ltd

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment November 15]

The fact that a sewage treatment plant was gravity operated did not exonerate the responsible water authority from having caused a pollutant to enter controlled waters, contrary to section 107(1)(a) of the Water Act 1989, although that pollutant had been released into the plant by an unknown third party.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing the National Rivers Authority's appeal by way of case stated against the decision on March 18 of Wakefield Crown Court (Mr Recorder S. W. Williamson, QC and justices) that the appeal by Yorkshire Water Services Ltd against its conviction under section 107(1)(a) of the 1989 Act by the Batley and Dewsbury Justices be allowed.

Mr Shaun Spencer, QC and Mr Gerard Heap for the NRA; Mr Stuart Brown, QC and Mr Alaric Dalziel for Yorkshire Water.

MR JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that Yorkshire Water was the owner and operator of North Bierley Sewage Works. The works were gravity operated and although still sewage, the resulting effluent was permitted to be discharged into Hunsworth Beck by a conditional consent of the Secretary of State for the Environment. The respondents in turn granted conditional consents to its industrial customers to discharge effluent into the sewer. Those conditions prohibited the discharge of iso-octonal into the sewer.

On the night of May 13, 1990 someone made a single discharge of iso-octonal into the sewer which naturally made its way into the works. Once in the works it was inevitable that a significant proportion of the chemical would be discharged into controlled waters.

It was submitted by the respondents that they did no more than stand by: no positive act had been done and even if they had caused the discharge generally, they did not cause the iso-octonal to be present.

His Lordship was satisfied that once the facts had been established, whether any party could be said to have caused a certain result was itself a question of fact for the tribunal.

That was not altered by the understanding which had been given to the word "causation" in the various cases, and particularly *Alphacell Ltd v Woodward* ([1972] AC 824), which provided guidance to courts or tribunals in reaching their decision on a set of facts.

It was unarguable that because the design of the works utilised the force of gravity, the respondent merely stood by and did not cause the outflow. As "cause" did not import either knowledge or negligence it was equally clear that the respondent caused the contents of the effluent including the iso-octonal to be discharged into Hunsworth Beck.

The fact that the party responsible for putting the iso-octonal into the sewers might also be regarded as causing the pollution was neither here not there. Nor was the finding that there was no negligence on the part of the respondent.

The wording of section 108(7) of the Act was clear in providing a defence only to a charge of contravening the conditions of a consent and so the respondents, having been charged with an offence under section 107(1), could not rely on that defence.

The findings that the respondent could not reasonably have been expected to prevent the iso-octonal entering the sewers or the works and could not have known of its presence might have been material considerations to the question of penalties imposed but did not go to liability.

Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Adrian Nuttall, Leeds; Mr Richard Ackroyd, Leeds.

Human Rights Law Report — Strasbourg

Length of proceedings breaches Convention

Darnell v United Kingdom

(Case No 34/1992/379/453)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges B. Walsh, C. Russo, N. Valticos, S. K. Martens, E. Palm, A. N. Loizou, Sir John Freeland and A. B. Baka

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment October 26]

The length of proceedings relating to the termination of Mr Darnell's employment by the Trent Regional Health Authority constituted a breach of article 6, paragraph 1, of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Article 6, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides: "In the determination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a ... hearing within a reasonable time by [a] ... tribunal ..."

On May 16, 1984, after an internal investigation initiated in 1981 into Mr Ryce Darnell's alleged non-compliance with staff appointment procedures and following disciplinary proceedings, he was dismissed at three months' notice, with effect from August 19, 1984, from his post as consultant microbiologist to Trent Regional Health Authority. He had been suspended from duty since the commencement of the disciplinary procedure in June 1982.

On May 23, 1984 he appealed against that decision to the secretary of state, who confirmed the termination of his employment on February 21, 1986. By judicial review proceedings commenced in the High Court on April 21, 1986, the applicant successfully challenged the fairness of the procedure leading to that decision.

On July 21, 1986, the High Court granted a declaration that the impugned decision was invalid and indicated that the secretary of state should reconsider the matter. The latter did so and again, on March 18, 1988, confirmed the applicant's dismissal. A further application by Mr Darnell for judicial review was rejected by the Divisional Court in November 1988.

Previously, on August 10, 1984, he had instituted proceedings in the industrial tribunal, claiming unfair dismissal and seeking reinstatement and re-engagement. Those proceedings were stayed pending the outcome of the appeal to the secretary of state and the judicial review applications.

On February 23, 1990 the industrial tribunal held that the dismissal had not been unfair, whereupon the applicant appealed to the Employment Appeal Tribunal. That appeal was dismissed on April 8, 1993.

The application was lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights on December 2, 1988. It was declared admissible on April 10, 1991.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on May 13, 1992 in which it established the facts and expressed the unanimous opinion that there had been a violation of article 6, paragraph 1 of the Convention.

It referred the case to the Court on September 11, 1992.

I Alleged violation of article 6.1

Dr Darnell complained that the length of the proceedings relating to the termination of his employment by Trent Regional Health Authority constituted a breach of article 6 paragraph1.

That allegation was supported by the Commission and was not contested by the UK government before the Court.

The reasonableness of the length of proceedings had to be determined with reference to the criteria laid down in the Court's case law and in the light of the circumstances of the case, which in this instance called for an overall assessment.

In view of the government's concession that there had been a violation, the Court did not consider it necessary to rule on the dispute between the parties as to the starting date of the period to be taken into consideration in the present case.

Even if the Court were to have adopted the government's position that, at the earliest, it should start to run from August 10, 1984, the date of the initial application to the industrial tribunal, the lapse of time of nearly nine years until the Employment Appeal Tribunal had given its reserved judgment on April 8, 1993 could not, in the circumstances of the case, be regarded as reasonable.

There had therefore been a violation of article 6.1.

II Application of article 50

A Non-pecuniary damage

The Court noted that Dr Darnell's medical competence had not been challenged or criticised but that he none the less suffered serious damage to his professional career as a result of time lost from the practice of medicine.

While acknowledging the public apology given by the government's representative at the hearing, the Court considered that further satisfaction was required. It awarded him £5,000 under this head.

B Legal costs and expenses

The Court awarded Dr Darnell £3,922.11 by way of legal costs and expenses less FFr6,025 already paid under the Council of Europe's legal aid scheme in respect of the proceedings before the Court.

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A list of names and addresses of the creditors of the Company will be available for inspection by creditors at 49 London Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1LJ between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the 13th December 1993 and 14th December 1993.
Dated this 15th November 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Christopher Nutt, DIRECTOR

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RESOLUTIONS OF LESSER DESIGN AND BUILD LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)
("THE COMPANY")
At an extraordinary general meeting of the Company duly convened and held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on 19th November 1993 the following resolutions were passed; No 1 as an Extraordinary Resolution and No 2 as an Ordinary Resolution:
(1) THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and THAT accordingly, subject to an Order being made in the High Court of Justice for discharge of the Administration in terms similar to those asked for in the application issued on 1st November 1993 by the Joint Administrators of the Company, the Company be wound up voluntarily.
(2) THAT subject to the same condition set out in (1) above David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF be appointed liquidator of the Company.
Dated this 19 day of November 1993.
D.J. BUCHLER, CHAIRMAN

The Insolvency Act 1986
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(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 2nd November 1993.
Dated this 16th day of November 1993
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Parkhouse Engineering Co.(March Gibbon) Ltd.
Thames Valley Formwork Ltd. Rendcrest Limited
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Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above named Companies will be held on 9th December 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 11th day of November 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J. Devaney, DIRECTOR

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Company Number: 1028036
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pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held as follows: Date: 26 November 1993. Time: 11.30 am. Venue: 47 High Street, Haslemere, Surrey.
The meeting is convened for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, namely to consider the directors' statement of affairs, to appoint a Liquidator and to establish if thought fit, a liquidation committee.
On the two business days falling next before the day on which this meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrack House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey.
Dated this 17th day of November 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J C F MARTIN, DIRECTOR.

Re: ADSOFT SYSTEMS LIMITED, AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at A Segal & Co., Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Thursday the 2nd December 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co. Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Thursday the 2nd December 1993, at 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the Tuesday 30th November 1993.
Dated this 16th day of November 1993.
C F HALLAM, Director.

Section 293 of The Insolvency Act 1986 ABDUR QURESHI
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TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Turrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of Abdur Qureshi on 4 November 1993 by an Order of the Secretary of State dated 27 October 1993.
DATED this 18th day of November 1993
M W Young, Trustee.

Lower Dutton and Budd Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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(Estate about £46,000)

BICKLE, NELLIE BICKLE SPINSTER late of Camden, London NW3 died there on 31 January 1993
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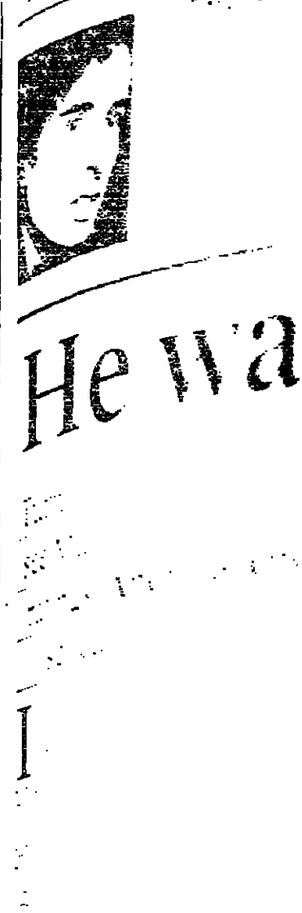
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PLATT, PHILIP PLATT late of Barnsley, South Yorkshire died at Sheffield, South Yorkshire on 3 December 1988
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BOOKS ADD VALUE TO LIFE
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He wants the world and he wants it now

Turn on prime-time ITV and you will see Marcus Plantin at work, chasing ratings. Andy Lavender meets the scheduler on a mission to kill

If you settle down to watch ITV this evening, you may not realise that the channel you know and love — home of *Strike it Lucky*, *Blind Date* and *Des O'Connor Tonight* — has recently undergone one of the most radical changes in its 38-year history. Until the beginning of this year, ITV programmes in prime-time — the treasured period between 7pm and 10.30pm — were commissioned and scheduled by a committee formed of representatives from the 15 regional ITV companies. All that has changed.

Now everything in prime-time, as well as some of the daytime schedule, is the responsibility of a lean team at ITV's gleaming new Network Centre. Network director and scheduler-extraordinaire is Marcus Plantin, previously director of programmes at LWT.

Plantin faces a tall but not impossible order. He needs to maintain the channel's pre-eminence in delivering huge audiences. But he must win more of the viewers in the ABC1 income bracket (deemed to be cash-rich and lifestyle-conscious) that are so beloved of the advertisers.

His answer so far has been to create different areas of appeal: soap opera and game shows early in the evening, then drama at 9pm, which itself illustrates the way he is reshaping the channel. "I think you can introduce drama that breaks the mould," he says. "Last year I ran three television films with Rik Mayall, which were quite dangerous. They didn't get huge volume audiences — about eight million — but they got a specific demographic. Ratings are always the bottom line, but they can be evaluated in a much more sophisticated way than simply as bulk."

A persuasive demonstration of Plantin's scheduling skill is his own roster of meetings last Friday afternoon. Consider the mutterings that ITV will allow factual programming to wither; or that the channel has little appeal to a young adult audience. The discussions I witnessed were precisely about ITV's welter of factual programmes and its search for a new Saturday night youth show. Not to mention much trumpeting about a new deal with Columbia Tristar, which secures the supply of feature films including *Basic Instinct*, *Dracula* and *A Few Good Men*.

This, then, is the new face of ITV: as populist as ever; as serious as the BBC; and as innovative as Channel 4. Or at least, that is how it is presenting itself — a timely move considering that last night the Directors Guild of Great Britain launched a campaign to counter "tabloid" television. In any case, you can hardly argue when Plantin suggests that, in the past, "ITV probably did underestimate its audience".

> The BBC's Christmas schedule is due out on December 6. Plantin has a copy already

Let us assume that this is indeed a normal Friday afternoon. It certainly illuminates the range of Plantin's responsibilities. The first meeting is with Stuart Prebble, Network Centre's controller of factual programmes.

Prebble reports that the defence lawyers in the James Bulger murder trial will not be offering any evidence, so the case will probably close on Wednesday or Thursday. A *World in Action* special is planned. What should it replace? Wednesday is easy: that night's *Crime Story* at 9pm can be held over. The difficulty is with Thursday, where the only obvious slot is 7.30pm. Is that too early, given the material the case covers? Plantin is uncharacteristically quiet and no decision is made.

The case illustrates the way the new ITV operates, however. Plantin wants to be able to move fast if necessary, in response to current events. (He makes much of the fact that, for instance, he cleared the schedule in order to run *Fighting for Gemma*, the programme on leukaemia clusters screened a couple of weeks ago.)

The rest of Prebble's business is less pressing. *The South Bank Show* wants an extra slot. Sir David Frost has an idea for a series. ("Strangely enough", Prebble says, "it's the best idea on this I've come across.")

The Morning Service is also discussed. Currently it falls within a wraparound religious magazine programme. Should one production company be responsible for the whole package? "My spies at Anglia tell me you're interested in them producing everything," Prebble says.

"Everyone I meet says that," Plantin says. "I try to be upbeat."

This is very believable; but Plantin also has a habit of getting to the point. Moving to a conference room, he meets two executives from the production company Rapido TV, who are pitching for a new project. Plantin wants to run two different one-hour series in 1994 targeted at 16-to-24-year-olds, a lucrative target for advertisers, and a group of viewers that is currently staying away from ITV in droves.

"Your company is known to be ahead of the trend," Plantin says to the young turks sitting opposite him. They nod. "We don't want to be derivative. We don't want to be the son of *The Word*." More nodding. So far, so good.

"This is the sort of show that should hit the schedule around the end of February," Plantin says. "What about your infrastructure? How would you support this?"

If the Rapido team catch their breath, it's not visible. "Normally", one of them says, "people say to us there's no space for anything until 1997."

The real excitement comes late in the afternoon. The billings for programmes on the other channels are released on Friday. Tony Everden, the network planner, brings them to Plantin, and the two men scan them with the excitement of schoolboys poring over a stash of illicit literature.

Amid the indecipherable grunts and nods, the ringing of programmes with a pencil, the drawing of arrows and stars, it becomes clear that scheduling is a matter of low cunning as much as high artistry. The main interest is in bashing BBC1.

"Goodbye, *Telly Addicts*," Plantin says cheerfully. He arrives at Saturday's billings. "We've been moving *Gladiators* incrementally five minutes down the schedule, entering *Noel's House Party* territory, where it beats it three-to-one," he says. "We should increase the entry. "There's the last episode of *Harry*, against *The Bill*. Which will kill it. We'll win all that."

The BBC's Christmas schedule is due out on December 6. Plantin has a copy of it in front of him. Where does it come from? "Our job is to get last-minute information on our competitors, from sources various," he says smoothly. "It's not handed on a plate."

It would be wrong to assume that BBC1 is ITV's only real competition. Channel 4 now sells its own airtime to advertisers (previously the ITV cartel was responsible for this), so is a direct competitor.

A new American series, *NYPD Blue*, will begin in January on Channel 4. Plantin has his offensive mapped out. "We're going to kill it with films," he says. "We're going to make sure that *NYPD Blue* doesn't even get sampled."

He smells blood, and smiles as he says it. He talks of looking towards "more risk-taking ventures" in order, really, to steal a march. There is a scheduling problem, of course. "The network schedule finishes at 10.30pm, after *News at Ten* — which will not be moved in the foreseeable future," he says. "The very areas in which we might want to experiment are not available to us."

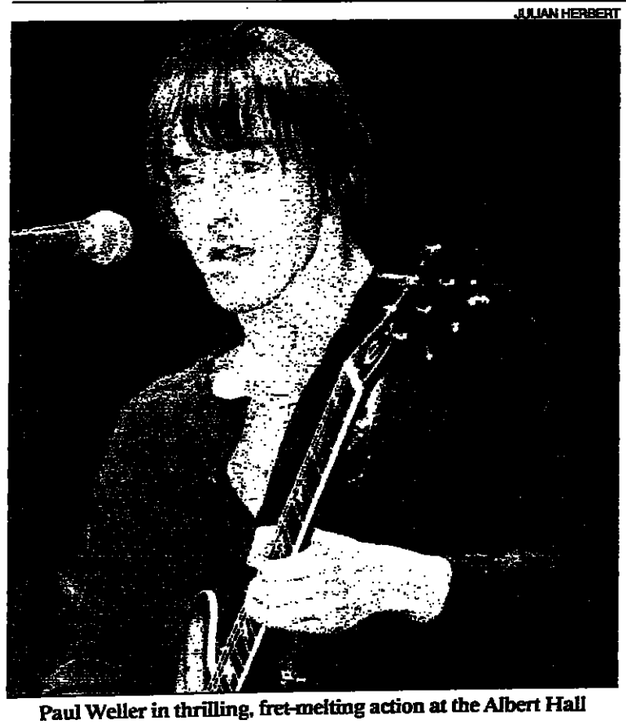
He'd obviously like them to be. "Well, I don't want to get into that," he says. The 15 ITV companies have found their champion, but they must also fight their own corners.

ADRIAN BROOKS



"Ratings are the bottom line, but they can be evaluated in a much more sophisticated way than simply as bulk," says Marcus Plantin, who wants to attract more ABC1 viewers

JULIAN HERBERT



Paul Weller in thrilling, fret-melting action at the Albert Hall

ROCK CONCERT: No Jam, no Style Council, no holding back

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Paul Weller
Albert Hall

Musicians, like the rest of us, rarely cast off entirely the behavioural patterns of their formative years. Paul Weller has tried harder than most to do so since breaking up the Jam at the peak of their popularity in 1982, first throwing himself into the dreary, ersatz soul of the Style Council and now emerging as a solo artist with an infinitely more inspired repertoire that echoes the bucolic psychedelia of the Woodstock generation.

But for all his latterday sophistication there was no mistaking the punk provenance of Weller's performing style as he strode briskly on to the Albert Hall stage, strapped on his guitar and without preamble launched into a whiplash version of "Into Tomorrow". The crowd were on their feet, surging forward to the foot of the stage before the first chorus.

Weller, looking casual but smart in a dark shirt and white jeans, permitted himself a single, tight-lipped smile, as he and his four-piece band despatched the number with terse authority. The song's mystical mood, underpinned by more than a hint of latent aggression, set the tone for what gradually developed into a spectacular performance.

At 35, Weller's features are no less chiselled than in his youth, but the angles are now softened by a floppy hair arrangement dropping well below his ears. The deep voice, once so glottal and thuggish in its delivery, is now more rounded and resonant and on gentle numbers such as "Foot Of The Mountain", he sounded, however improbably, like a younger, thrusting version of Eric Clapton: masculine, world-weary and unmistakeably English.

In technical terms, Weller's scope as a musician has long been underestimated. But whether playing the jazzy, ninth-chord trills of "Amongst Butterflies", or soloing pugnaciously on "This Is No Time", a new, unreleased song with a bruising funk rhythm in a strange time signature, he continued to observe the one, great punk maxim: you don't hang about.

Such swift economy of expression served him well, lending dramatic tension to everything from a slightly snatched version of "Sunflower", to the one long number, "Shadow Of The Sun", which developed into an extended free-form work-out of considerable flair. Even when playing the delicate, acoustic guitar-led "Wild Wood" or seated at a piano with his back to the audience during "Holy Man", there was an edgy, physical quality to his delivery that could not have been further removed from the creeping woolliness that greater maturity often brings.

Much to his credit, Weller also resisted the temptation to trade on former glories, eschewing all material from his days with the Style Council and the Jam. And it certainly wasn't needed to bolster either his current crop of songs or this sterling performance.

DAVID SINCLAIR

RADIO: Theatre of the absurd under the communists in Poland

Lifting the iron curtain on the arts

Back in the communist days, I asked a Polish musician who the socialist realist composers were. "Those who're dead and those who say they are," he replied. Communism could not make head or tail of music, so it was allowed to a considerable extent to go its own way in the more liberal communist regimes, especially since "culture" earned both prestige and foreign currency abroad.

This is one reason why **Polska!**, Radio 3's three-week celebration of the Polish arts, has such a lot of music to offer.

In the theatre it was different. There, ideas could be dangerous to communism. Classics were allowed, but new playwrights were held on a tight rein.

The Tangled Web, a good survey of Polish theatre on Saturday night, brought out another point about the communist attitude to the theatre. The Polish drama that excited most interest both at home and in the West in the 1960s and 1970s was the kind of physical, almost wordless creations of Grotowski and Kantor — a sort of anguished mime. It may have been an antidote to socialist realism, but this kind of theatre also suited the communist book because it could not make precise political points.

Now the Polish theatre is floundering. The Stary, the main theatre in Cracow, is surviving, with its powerful repertoire of classics and new foreign plays; but there are 65 former state theatres in Poland, today almost all without money or audiences.

Slawomir Mrozek was one of the writers who occasionally managed to get witty, satirical plays past the censor in the later years of communism. On Sunday Radio 3 offered an excellent production of his radio play, **The Slaughterhouse**.

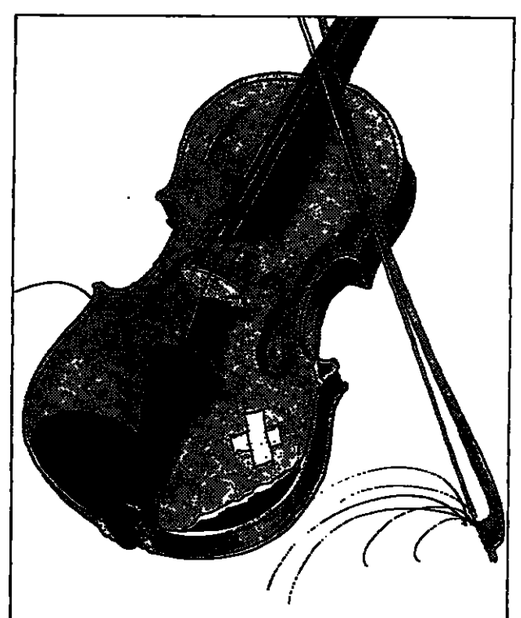
This is a fantasy about a young, mother-dominated violinist who gives up everything for what he considers the imperishable truths of art, and contrives to acquire Paganini's genius in exchange for bringing his marble statue to life by drawing a moustache on it. Paganini, fed up with genius, goes off to become a butcher.

But the young violinist's first concert as a genius is ruined by a pandemonium of screams and roars in the stomachs of the audience — the cries of all the animals the butcher has killed. The young musician flies to the other extreme. He decides now that there is no certainty in art, only in death — and his next performance will be the slaughter of live animals on the stage...

Mrozek builds up the crazy logic brilliantly, teasing us with its plausibility and making the young man (well-played by Nigel Anthony) quite a sympathetic character. But the play is really a satire on the temptations of absolutism. "If you want to live, you'll have to forget about certainty," says the girl flautist with whom, at one stage, the violinist believes himself in love. In those words you hear Mrozek's calm and tolerant voice — a voice needed in Poland, with its long history of "idealistic" extremism.

DERWENT MAY

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LA BONNE CHANSON: Soprano Fiona Cameron (Glyndebourne, Scottish Opera, English Touring Opera) and Paul Whelan (winner of the Lieder Prize, Cardiff Singer of the World 1993) join forces with pianist Julius Drake for a programme including Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, Rachmaninov, Duparc, Poulenc and Copland.
Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, SE3 (081-463 0100). Tonight, 7.30pm.

MAUREEN MCGOVERN: Now seemingly settled into the persona of an unschmaltzy cabaret artist, McGovern never fails to delight with her spectacular multi-octave range and a keen eye and ear for a well-crafted show.
Green Room, Café Royal, Regent Street W1. Tickets can be booked in person from Café Royal or by phone from FirstCall (071-497 9977). Tonight-Fri and Sun, from 7.30pm.

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT: Neil Bartlett's much-toured show (due in New York next January) takes an amble round the gay hinterland of the late 1950s. Music by Nicolas Bloomfield.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previewing tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Nov 26, 8pm. Until December 18.

MARIA JOÃO PIRES: A pianist whose performances have been described as nothing short of a small miracle appears this evening as part of the international piano season. Her programme includes Bach (Partita in B flat; English Suite in G minor) and Schubert (Sonata in B flat).
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm. ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Christmas theatrical festivities are in full swing and it is opening day for Mike Kenny's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's **The Snow Queen**. The Sherman *Theatre Company* has successfully combined the narratives of original texts with spellbinding modern special effects in previous years so there are high hopes for this season.
Sherman, Senghennydd Road (0222 230451). Today, 2pm and 7pm. Until Jan 8 ⓢ

GLASGOW: Two world premieres will be heard this evening, both commissioned by the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** from Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. Strathclyde Concerto No 8 and *MacDonald Dances* will be performed along with Haydn (Symphony No 22, *The Philosopher*) and Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3). Maxwell Davies conducts; the soloists are Peter Donohoe, piano, and Ursula Leveaux, bassoon.
City Hall, Candleriggs (041-227 5511). Tonight, 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE: Verdi's rousing Byronic drama **I due Foscari**, newly staged by Howard King, is one of three operas on offer from **Scottish Opera** for the remainder of the week. Frederick Burchinal sings the role of the Doge, the Chinese tenor Deng appears as his son. The rarely performed score crackles and spits like bacon in the frying pan thanks to musical director Richard Armstrong. Also, performances of *Katya Kabanova* and *Salome*.
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street, (091-232 2061). Tonight and Fri, *Foscari* 7.15pm; Thurs, *Kabanova* 7.15pm; Sat, *Salome*, 8pm. ⓢ

SALISBURY: Set in a psychiatric hospital, a psychopath, his nurse, his analyst and a pregnant patient who will not talk are the four characters in Anna Reynolds's new play, **Wild Things**. A co-production with Paines Plough.
Salberg Studio, Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (0722 320333). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Till December 18. ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins. ⓢ

□ **EXACT CHANGE:** Kevin McNally, Mike McShane and Steven O'Shea star in David Epstein's comedy concerning three New Jersey restaurateurs frantically involved with the Mafia.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. ⓢ

■ **THE GRUB STREET OPERA:** Highly entertaining comedy with songs brings to the stage Fielding's satire on government and the royals, banned in 1731. Stylish.
Lilian Baylis, Sadlers Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837 4104) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Till Nov 27.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. ⓢ

□ **THE MADMAN OF THE BALCONIES:** Play by the excellent Peruvian novelist and presidential contender, Mario Vargas Llosa. Peter Eyre plays a professor struggling to save the beauties of Lima from the bulldozer.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Last week.

◪ **MEDEA:** Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm.

◪ **MISHA'S PARTY:** Barry Foster in the title role of a play set against the 1991 Moscow coup. Co-written by the American Richard Nelson and the Russian Alexander Gelman.
Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. Last performances. ⓢ

□ **MR DIRECTOR:** New Fay Weldon play, billed as a black comedy, about the reactions of authority when a 14-year-old is locked up in an isolation unit.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Last week of performances.

□ **MOONLIGHT:** Ian Holm and Anna Massey in the West End transfer of Pinter's play: a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. ⓢ

◪ **ONE MAN:** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES:** Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ⓢ

□ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet provoking play. With Amanda Harris and Anton Lesser. Last performances.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. 180mins. ⓢ

□ **VITA AND VIRGINIA:** Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . . □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915683)

◆ **THE CONCIERGE** (PG): Trials and tribulations of an ambitious concierge in a New York hotel. Outdated vehicle for the ebullient Michael J Fox. With Gabrielle Anwar; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast (Nick Stahl). Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **POSSE** (15): Outlaw blacks ride the prairie. Just an urban ghetto drama in Western clothes. Mario Van Peebles stars and directs.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

◆ **SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER** (12): Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332)

THE STOLEN CHILDREN (15): Policeman escorts prostitute's children to Sicilian orphanage. Perceptive human drama from Gianni Amelio.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

THE STRANGER (U): Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ **DAVE** (15): The US President's lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ⓢ (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century LA. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Fulham Road ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis as the amoral drifter who hits the pavements.
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THEATRE: A strong historical drama; Brian Cox in Ibsen; and Battersea's lively double-bill

Modern echoes in old Ireland

The Clearing
Bush

CONRAD BLAKEMORE



Repressed by the Cromwellians: Anna Livia Ryan and Susan Lynch in Helen Edmundson's *The Clearing*

TO SAY that Helen Edmundson's play will keep audiences on the edge of their seats is not to say anything special. At the Bush there is nowhere to be except on the edge of your seat if you wish to avoid sitting on the feet of the person behind you. All the same, Edmundson has adapted *Anna Karenina* and *The Mill on the Floss* for Shared Experience, and clearly has both the instinct for a good tale and the skill to tell it well. Whatever its limitations, *The Clearing* is a thoroughly absorbing piece — and, notwithstanding its 17th-century setting, a topical one too.

The place is County Kildare in the 1650s, and the subject Cromwell's ethnic cleansing. Those who supported the King against Parliament are either being hanged or forcibly resettled in far-flung Connaught. Some are even being transported to the West Indies for the crime of being Irish and Catholic. But to the Calvinist governor of Kildare, this is a soft policy. "Why do not we bury them in pits so deep they will all be forgotten?" he suggests, not altogether rhetorically.

The play needs a more personal dimension, and gets it in a decreasingly happy Anglo-Irish marriage. Robert (Adrian Rawlins), who is English, does what he can to help royalist neighbours threatened with confiscation of their farm. But, fearful for his own estate, he surreptitiously gives money to the Cromwellians. Madeleine (Susan Lynch), who is local, manages to offend the governor with the intensity of her pleas for her best friend, who has been seized by the Lord Protector's rampaging soldiery. It gradually becomes clear that nice Robert will sacrifice sweet Maddie in order to keep his property and their infant son.

The references to Yugoslavia and Cambodia, as well as to present-day Ireland, are obvious, maybe too obvious. Stephen Boxer is one of those actors who seem always to be summoned to the rehearsal-room when a smooth and wintry character needs casting; but even he cannot have ventured further into Pol Pot fanaticism than he does here. His duty, he says, is to punish infidels and "re-educate" doubters. Those who are not with him are against him, and those against him are whores and devils.

The play has its melodramatic moments and its irksomely "poetic" ones. Just because characters come from the nation that was to produce Synge and O'Casey, must they really keep saying things like "have you not washed me with your own sweet, soft hands and kissed the day from my face?" Such pseudo-Irishisms are the more irritating when the English ("it's alright, I expect too much of you") speak modern Hampstead or Fulham.

But against that must be measured some decent characterisation and some fine acting — Michael O'Hagan and Linda Bassett, splendidly unpredictable as the embattled royalists — and the kind of narrative energy a 19th-century novelist would have envied. Whatever the caveats, Edmundson is well worth watching.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Frozen paths to glory

The Master Builder
Royal Lyceum,
Edinburgh

WHEN Kenny Ireland was appointed artistic director here last summer, he asked two eminent, Scottish-born actors to join him as associates, and to appear in a forthcoming play. Bill Paterson's turn comes next April, but first it is Brian Cox playing the ambitious, frightened Halvard Solness — and playing, in some respects, Ibsen himself, and all whose lives appear successful but who torment themselves with the feeling that something, somewhere in the past, went terribly wrong.

In the long scene in Act II that he plays with Siri Neal's Hilde, there is a moment when Solness utters the word "success". Cox raps it in a desperately bitter snarl, as if he would like to tear success out of his body and torture it as it has tortured him. And in a later speech about how it feels to be lucky — "It feels as though the skin has been flayed from my breast" — he gives the phrase an edge of terrible fear. But a masochistic thrill is in there too.

The element of posturing in this image also feels right, for there are times when Solness does pose grandiloquently. He did so at the top of the church steeple exactly ten years before, when the 12-year-old Hilde fell in love with him, and he continues doing so.

The anger that comes roaring out of him seems the flip side of his evasive tactics — the strategy of a man who has become afraid. Cox shows us this without losing that awareness of glory that floats around in his head, and gives a hint of little-boy charm when he sits wondering at Hilde's vitality with his hands held tightly between his knees, though there is a suggestion that if he did not keep them trapped they might rampage all over her.

Tom Piper's elegant set, furnished with chairs that surely come from a workshop of Scandinavian Shakers, also brings ice-covered mountains right up to the windows. The reasoning behind this is that the Solness marriage is a frozen waste, but the waste is within and not around them. Neal's Hilde feels like a true breath of mountain vigour, her complexion is clear, her eyes sparkle, her walk has the spring of a climber. It seems a pity for these mountains to be glaciers.

Morag Hood's beautifully spoken Mrs Solness reveals the social division within the marriage. But the chilling memory of her lost dolls is spoken too quietly to bear its full importance. In this sensitive production (by Cox and John Crowley) something goes wrong at the end. We watch Solness climb a ladder until he disappears far above the crowd. This is so emphatic that we really need to see his abrupt descent.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Bantams in full fight

Roosters/ White Biting Dog
BAC, Battersea

BATTERSEA Arts Centre, once something of a downer, is taking off. It is not just that its formerly depressing entrance hall has been transfigured into a soaring atrium, all space and light. Nor that hellish smokers, now exclusively fuming in the bar, have departed the café.

More importantly, productions are on a swift ascent. The latest by Loose Change, a company BAC took under its wing in 1992, is a double-bill: *Roosters* by Milcha Sanchez-Scott, set in South America, and *White Biting Dog* by Judith Thompson, the Canadian writer of *Crackwalker* and *Lion in the Streets*.

Like the prize cock in *Roosters*, over which the macho Gallo and his son Hector fight with flick-knives and Freudian implications, these plays are hard-kicking high-fliers. Apart from the real-life cockerel in his mobile pen on a pram chassis, there is a frightening fight between human bantams: a vicious swirl of beaked masks, bare flesh and flying cloaks.

In an off-kilter kitchen — its floor all cranky like the family who live there — Shata (the superbly sluttish Stella Duffy) flaps tortillas against her inner thigh to the beat of live drums. Hobbling about in red stilettos, she wishes Hector, her nephew, was putty in her hands. Angela, his little sister in a white smock and cardboard wings (Alexa Rosewood, a fierce-faced cherub with clouds of dark hair), skulks under the house and sees religious visions of Rancour and Resentment, like two stetsoned silhouettes from a cartoon Western. Angela behaves babyishly until, dolled up to elope with her father, she miraculously sprouts to ten feet tall.

Some scenes falter: accents wander; and Sanchez-Scott's heightened language occasionally comes a cropper. But her dynamic writing is more often colloquially down to earth or — magnifying images from teaming nature — transcendentally poetic. Director Tessa Schneideman's inventiveness is complemented by several exquisitely funny, scaldingly hot-blooded performances.

Roosters and, from the opposite end of the continent, *White Biting Dog* make a fascinating couple: dark comedies dealing with sex, fraught child-parent relationships, evil, death and salvation. Both scripts are a little confused and have problems finding finales. However, Thompson's absurdist domestic farce is the voice of an exhilaratingly creative soul in free fall, laughing and acutely disturbed.

Director Janet Steel uses stage space with slightly less assurance than Schneideman, but brings out terrific performances from Stella Duffy, transformed into a clumpy-booted innocent; Philip Bliss, playing her emotionally dysfunctional, manipulating lover; and Tobe E. Byrne as his father, grinning breathily with sphagnum moss sticking out of his trunks.

KATE BASSETT

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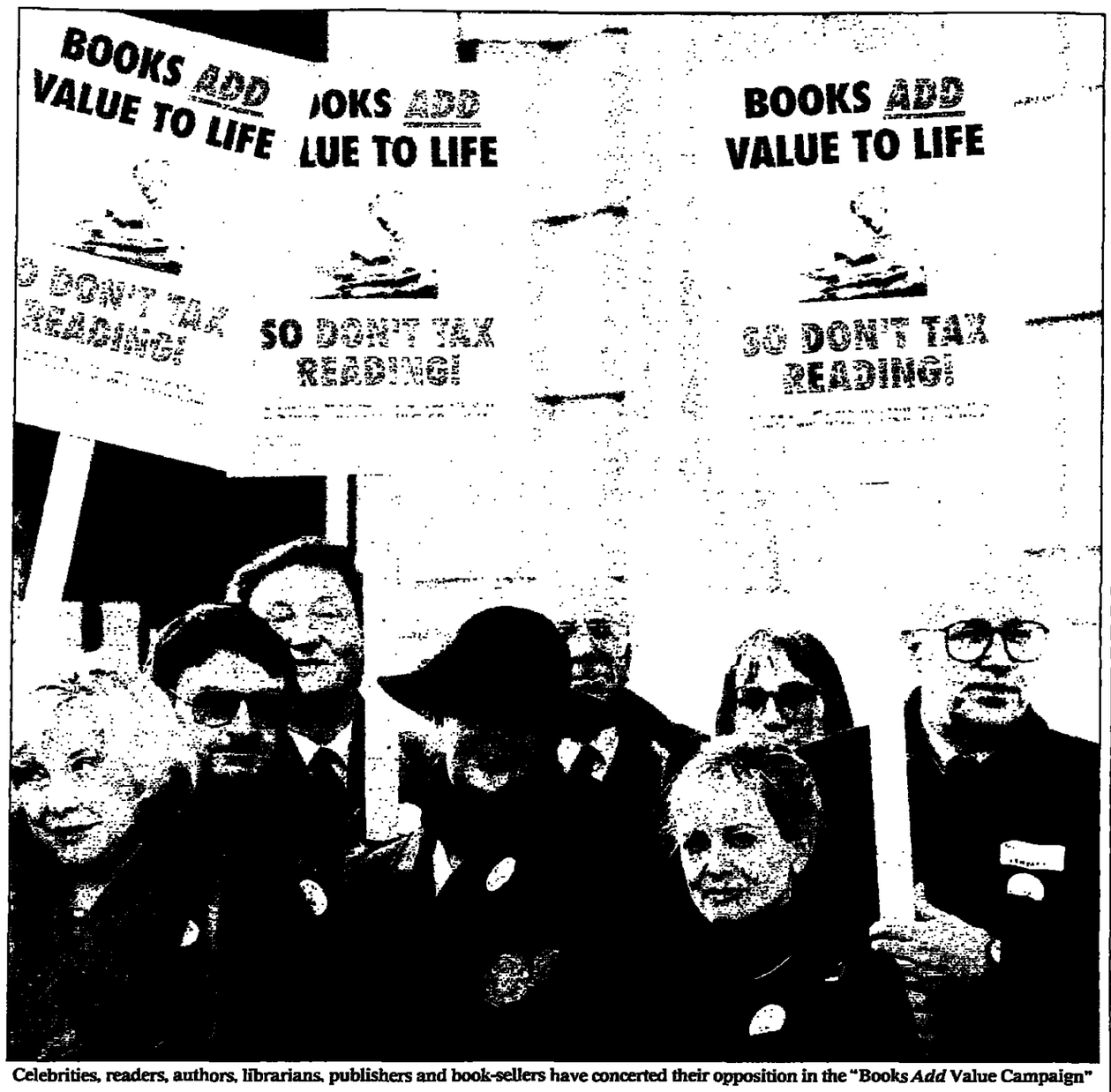
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Reading the bottom line

VAT on books would have terrible consequences for publishers and for readers, writes Nicolette Jones



Celebrities, readers, authors, librarians, publishers and book-sellers have concerted their opposition in the "Books *Add* Value Campaign"

At the 1992 London Book Fair, Nigel Lawson admitted in an address to the book trade that in 1985, all through a phenomenally extensive public campaign against the imposition of VAT on books, he had never had the slightest intention as Chancellor of introducing any such tax. Why didn't he say so and save everyone all that time and trouble? Because when you are a politician, he explained, if you start making denials about rumoured policy, anything that isn't denied is understood to be true. You have to keep *all* your cards close to your chest, or you would be playing with an open deck. That would never do in politics.

Last week, *The Sun* reported that Kenneth Clarke had dropped plans to impose VAT on books and newspapers this time round. But doubtless, on the Lawson principle, there will be no confirmation or denial until November 30, Budget Day itself. The book trade is still holding its breath.

Since the word got round that the Chancellor was considering, as a revenue-raising measure, ending the tax-free status that publications have enjoyed for over 100 years, readers, authors, librarians, publishers and book-sellers have once again gone into action. Concerting their efforts in the "Books *Add* Value Campaign", they have been behind window displays and consciousness-raising events in book shops around Britain, the collating of pertinent economic projections and opinion polls, and, last week, the placard-waving delivery of a petition of a million signatures to Downing Street.

Strictly speaking, none of this effort should have been necessary. At the time of the last election, the chairman of the Conservative party gave a written assurance that if the Tories were re-elected there would be no VAT on books and periodicals. But in September this year, the Chancellor indicated in an interview in *The Daily Telegraph* that he had not made his mind up about the issue.

So if *The Sun* is wrong, what are the consequences likely to be. Would it really be so terrible to treat books like any other commercial product? Wouldn't it just mean paying a bit more for Barbara Cartlands and an extra 4p for a tabloid? Unfortunately, all the evidence is much more ominous than that. The figures, argue the anti-VAT campaigners, add up to a big minus for the government. The potential revenue from the introduction of VAT at 17.5 per cent would be an annual £270 million (0.5 per cent of the £50 billion budget deficit). But the government stands to lose in two areas: directly by undermining the book trade and indirectly by undermining efforts to improve literature and education at large. Both would be costly outcomes.

Independent research concludes that VAT of 17.5 per cent on book prices would lead to a fall in sales of at least 15 per cent. Contrary to an all-too-widespread perception that publishers are a bunch of fat cats who rake in big profits whilst spending all day on long lunches and who need a bit of shaking up, the truth is that the industry now operates efficiently on narrow profit margins — of a mere 4-5 per cent. In the last three years it has lost one in five employees.

The decrease in sales, as Anthony Cheetham, chief executive of Orion publishers, has commented in the trade journal *The Book Seller*, is one that "no general publishing house can face without sliding into serious loss". Inevitably, fewer books would be produced — and specialist, literary and children's books would be those publishers could least afford. Book shops would be meaner and more limited.

Those that survived, that is. A 4 per cent profit margin is something a good many book sellers dream of. A 1991 survey revealed that over a third of book sellers failed to make any profit at all; they earn enough only to make themselves a modest salary. The majority of book shops in this country are small independents, often family-run businesses that would not outlive a 15 per cent drop in trade — and are not in a position to absorb a 17.5 per cent price hike. Fewer books would come out, book shops would close, and some 10,000 to 15,000 jobs would be lost.

Those are immediate consequences. But what that 15 per cent drop in book sales represents for society at large is surely counter to declared government policy. John Major in his Guildhall speech this month put much emphasis on the importance of education, and government and business alike have backed initiatives to improve standards of literacy. A shaming one in eight adults over 16 in Britain have serious difficulties in reading and writing; a third of 14-year-olds have a reading age of 11 or less; 40 per cent of 16 to 19-year-olds in further education lack basic literacy (and numeracy) skills; and a 1992 survey estimated the cost of losses to UK industry because of poor basic skills at £8.4 billion. Books in this context are not a luxury.

It is precisely those who most need to improve their skills who would be most discouraged by a price increase. Parents buying for their children, students and the unemployed seeking to enhance their qualifications would be hardest hit. Zero-rated status is not a question of simply subsidising a middle-class hobby: the less well-off spend three times more of their income on books, newspapers and periodicals than the better-off, and nearly three-quarters of the books sold every year are bought by pensioners and the under-24s.

There are those who argue that a blanket zero-rating for all publications is not sufficiently discriminating. They suggest VAT exemption only for academic or educational publications. But as Alan Giles, MD of Waterstone's book shops, remarks: "There is a danger of taking a narrow view of literature. Learning may be a life-long experience. And what to one person would be a textbook is entertainment to another." Thomas Hardy is one man's set text, another's holiday read. Even best-sellers may be pedagogic: witness Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*. The line between education and recreation could never be drawn.

Perhaps for a Chancellor the only line that matters is the bottom line. There is plenty of proof that illiteracy is expensive — leading to lost business and the paying out of state benefits. The sums alone work against imposing VAT on books. But to discourage a nation from reading is to impoverish it. It would be a destructive act, shutting people off from their own cultural and intellectual history, and limiting their understanding, their pleasure and their fulfilment. Economics aside, there would be a high price to pay.

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Accent on insight

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EVEN in those amazing years when his pioneering period-instrument group, the *Concentus Musicus Vienna*, drove a coach and horses through every cherished performing tradition in Baroque music, Nikolaus Harnoncourt was capable of producing breath-taking gracefulness just when you least expected it. Some stroke of ravishing phrasing would seduce even those who thought that his blistering *rampage through the Sanctus* of Bach's B Minor Mass was an act of Attila-like vandalism.

Nowadays, Harnoncourt is as often found directing modern-instrument orchestras as period performances; he has struck up a particularly fruitful relationship with the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra. But he has never lost that endearing knack for tempering his rampunctious rhythmic drive, and his penchant for trampling received wisdoms, with moments of beguiling sensuality. And in the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, which brings together some of the Continent's top young professional players, he seems to have found a perfect vehicle for his invigorating ideas.

Many of the timbres produced in this all-Beethoven programme came straight out of the period-instrument handbook. Here was string-playing of immense suppleness and agility, laying the emphasis on attack rather than creaminess (though the tone, in its sinuous way, was just as fine). Every accent — and Beethoven wrote a good many in the "Eroica" Symphony — was a knife-thrust: a lunge that was quick, incisive and effective, but just as swiftly withdrawn.

To that was added some remarkable wind sonorities, *and a brass section that crackled* with life and went for its notes with admirable boldness — occasionally, but forgivably, at the expense of absolute perfection. Altogether, this was the kind of Beethoven playing that might have warmed the heart of the composer himself.

The speeds chosen by Harnoncourt were not in themselves remarkable, but his way of encouraging the players to put daylight between the chords gave the illusion of lightness and speed. And he has not lost that matchless gift for elegant phrasing. He preceded the symphony with extracts from Beethoven's ballet, *Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus* — a sensible choice, because the symphony's finale famously takes up the ballet's final theme. This, too, was delivered with impish wit and an extraordinary palette of timbres. Harnoncourt should be tempted to London more often.

RICHARD MORRISON

Belief in Brazil

The Sixteen
St John's, Smith Square

THE SIXTEEN, encouraged by Cultura Inglesa in Sao Paolo and the British Council, are investigating Brazilian music at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries. On Monday they presented some of their results.

The worklist of José Mauricio Nunes Garcia as published in the *New Grove* encyclopaedia is dominated by sacred music, which is not surprising, since like many of his colleagues he was a priest. Yet on the evidence of the nine Funeral Responsories, written in 1816, that is rather a shame.

Not that the music is bad; far from it. Often sonorously scored, it exhibits harmonic adventure and expressive intensity, a strange mixture of C.P.E. Bach and, at least to my innocent ears, later Mozart.

But what one detects, both in the sometimes rather Rossini-ish solo vocal writing and in Nunes Garcia's acute response to the flavour of the moment, is an opera composer *manqué*. For all the good ideas it contained, this vast piece was intriguing rather than thrilling.

The three pieces we heard before it impressed less. The composers — Manuel Dias de Oliveira, José Joaquim Emérico Lobo de Mesquita, and Joao de Deus Castro Lobo — all apparently worked in the rich state of Minas Gerais. Both Dias de Oliveira's brief Angelus Domine, and Lobo de Mesquita's Gloria took their cues principally from the Italian baroque concerto forms, yet without their harmonic interest, imagination and fire.

Castro Lobo's own Funeral Responsories, incredibly dating from 1832, showed deft touches of orchestration and word-painting (with a particularly effective solo bass setting at the words "De profundis"), but again the music seemed underdeveloped. Was there again an opera composer — opera buffa in this case — struggling to get out?

Neat, well-turned performances came from the choir and orchestra of The Sixteen under Harry Christophers, and there was fine solo (and duet) work from Lynda Russell, Sarah Connolly, Andrew Murgatroyd and Michael Pearce.

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FESTIVALS: Gorecki in Huddersfield and Manchester

Mysterious appeal

THE Gorecki enigma isn't going to be explained even by the efforts of the BBC's "Polska!" programmes and the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival put together. In fact, after a weekend of both of them, it is more worrying than ever. How did he get from *Scontri*, which burst in on the 1960s with such aggressively explosive energy that it comes as a shock even today, to the Concerto-Cantata which has just been given its first three British performances by Carol Wincenc with Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic?

For the fans, who filled every Huddersfield Festival space in which Gorecki was scheduled to appear (though they were little in evidence at the BBC PO's "Polska!" concert in Manchester), there is no problem: the composer of the Third Symphony is incapable of banality. Indeed, listening to the first British performance of his *Beatus Vir* in the knowledge that it was written just a couple of years after that tortured symphony — at the request of Karol Wojtyla, who was still Cardinal of Krakow at the time — one is in no mood to doubt the religious and political inspiration behind it.

Any urge to press the fast-forward button, so as to accelerate the progress of its simple harmonic progressions to a pace which does not try the patience too hard, should be resisted.

The very slowness of it, the deliberate rhythms, the multi-repetitions of short phrases by both the baritone soloist and the chorus (on this occasion David Wilson-Johnson and the Huddersfield Choral Society) are all part of the rigorously undecorative, undetailed, timeless monumentality of the piece.


Henryk Gorecki: is the composer of the enormously successful Third Symphony incapable of banality?

Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic were in less secure circumstances in their Manchester concert, partly because there was no kind of festival atmosphere in the Free Trade Hall but mainly because they went straight on from a stunning revival of *Scontri* to the first British performance of the Concerto-Cantata, which was roughly equivalent to the distance between supercharged creative energy and feeble gesturing.

Written a year or two ago for the flautist, Carol Wincenc, the Concerto-Cantata is basically a ternary construction with lengthy contemplations on solo flute (or alto flute) of the same few intervals in recitative and arioso sections at the beginning and the end.

The middle section is a crudely assembled Concertino dominated by a devastatingly simple rhythm at devastatingly high dynamic levels slashed across at one point by what is actually an accelerated reminiscence of the arioso but what sounds like an ugly swathe of Shostakovich dragged screaming from its context.

Happily, for those who enjoy evidence of skill in composition at least as much as sheer bravery, both the Manchester and the Huddersfield concerts included Lutoslawski's early but still fascinating Concerto for Orchestra — and brilliantly done as well.

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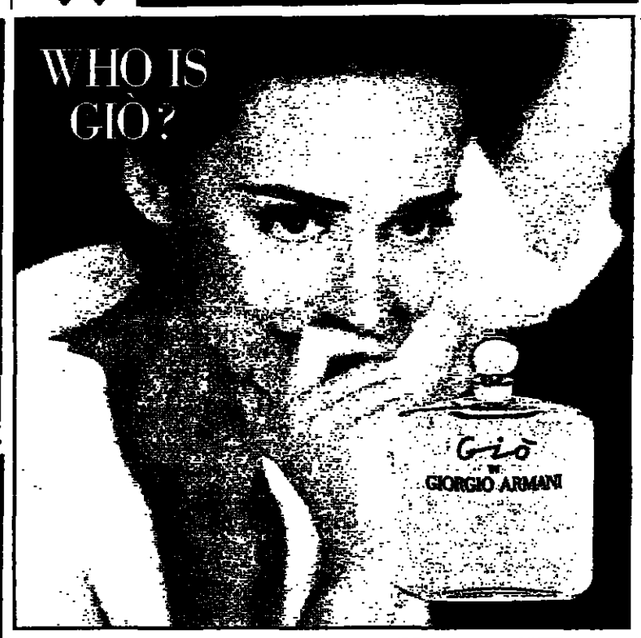
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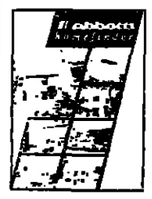
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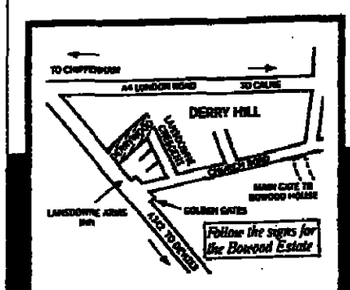


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Oxford cuts the cost of living

Magdalen is building a quad to help its students afford life among the dreaming spires, reports **Rachel Kelly**

For the young hopefuls who will be trying, in the next few weeks, to win places to study at Oxford, the choice of college is no longer dictated just by which would suit academically, or even socially. Today, the priority is which college will provide accommodation for all three years at university.

Those colleges which cannot provide this sort of indirect housing subsidy are becoming increasingly marginalised, unable to attract the brightest and the best.

A recent survey by the magazine, *Oxford Student*, put Magdalen College top of all Oxford colleges in terms of its aesthetic qualities, but near the bottom in terms of its welfare provision, a factor established through judging a variety of aspects of college life: cost of rent, availability of accommodation, the price of a pint of beer, and the male-female ratios.

> 'There is a demand for rooms which the college cannot meet'

"The colleges offering three years' accommodation are definitely getting better students," says Gavin Weir, the president of the junior common room at Magdalen.

The reasons are obvious, and mainly financial. Rents in college average £25 a week. Meanwhile, Mr Weir estimates that student rents in Oxford are an average of £50 a week and rising, or around £2,500 a year (tenancies are only available for a full year rather than the six months that coincide with term times).

On top of that, students living out must pay for electricity and gas, and possibly extra fares into the centre of Oxford for lectures and tutorials if they live far out.

With the expansion of Oxford Brookes University, the old Oxford Polytechnic, and an increase to university numbers — at present 12,000 — of roughly 1 per cent a year, there are more students searching for homes. The quality of rental accomodation that Oxford has to offer is often poor. The traditional digs, complete with buxom landlady who made excellent bacon and eggs each morning, has disappeared. "The last landlady flapped her duster many years ago," says Anthony Smith, president of Magdalen. Mr Weir recalls living at a house with no ventilation in the bathroom and with gas escaping from the fires in dangerous quantities.

As a law student, he enjoyed practising tenancy law to take his landlord to court to force essential repairs, but most students are reluctant to go to law. Mr Weir and the five other students who lived in the house have never had £1,200 of their deposits returned. Student safety is of increasing concern, too. Magdalen now has close-circuit television throughout college, new gates and entry-phones operating in the New Buildings.

There is little guidance for students seeking to live out, Mr Weir says. "The junior common room has its own housing bank, and we do surveys of people living out with a star system of good and bad landlords, but there is little advice on the whole from colleges themselves."

As for parents buying their children homes for the duration, Mr Weir says that this rarely happens. Although, in theory, it could make economic sense for a parent to buy a property for a child, meeting mortgage repayments with rent from other students, it is not so simple. Alan Edmunds, a parent who has been considering buying a property for his children, notes the difficulty of getting a mortgage. "Mainstream building societies appear to be avoiding commercial lending like the plague," Mr Edmunds says. "Any mention of multiple occupation seems to have an added negative effect."

Banks will consider a proposition where a large deposit — between 40 and 50 per cent — is concerned, but the loan is not treated as a mortgage and is charged at a higher rate over a short term. Far simpler then, to live in.

The option will be available for future students at Magdalen. Colleges offering accommodation for all their students include St Hugh's, while St Anne's is close to being able to do so. Pembroke, St Anne's, Christ Church and Worcester have all embarked on building programmes to provide more rooms for students.

Magdalen has begun on an impressive building programme which will provide rooms for all the college's 550 undergraduates and graduates. "There is now a steady demand from students each year for more than 100 rooms which the college cannot meet," says Mr Smith.

Magdalen's new Longwall Quadrangle, with a stone outer wall designed by Demetri Porphyrios, is at the Longwall edge of the Deer Park on a site at present occupied by a squash court of 1920s vintage, a car park and a ramshackle collection of service buildings. The new development contains rooms arranged in a traditional manner, with sets of rooms around common stairs, some fellows' rooms, teaching rooms, a common room, an underground car park and an auditorium and exhibition area. The new quad also manages to turn the Longwall entry into "a recognisable place of arrival", in the architect's words.

"We're delighted the new quad is happening," says Mr Weir. "There was a lot of scepticism in college about whether the scheme would get off the ground, but we are thrilled it's happening next year."

Magdalen is lucky in having land to develop, thanks to the Deer Park surrounding the New Buildings. Other colleges, such as Oriel and Lincoln, have had to squeeze extra accommodation out of the houses they once let on the High Street and elsewhere.

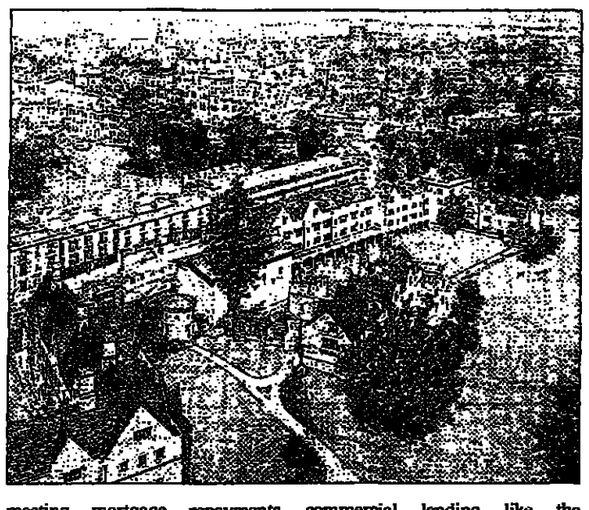
The appeal to old Magdalen members to raise the £10 million needed to build the quad has already received more than £300,000 since its launch this autumn. For the sake of those future students considering their choice of college, others are urged to contribute.

● *For information on the appeal, contact Peter Fullerton, 0865 276082.*

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The proposed Longwall Quadrangle at Magdalen College, above, and, below, its position on the edge of the Deer Park



Carving a natural niche

Stone quarries step up output to meet demand

Natural stone is suddenly back in vogue with house builders, and is prompting such a demand that some new quarries are being opened in the west country. *Christine Webb writes.*

The advent in the 1960s of cheaper, artificially reconstituted stone saw a drastic drop in demand for natural stone. But in the 1990s, the preference is for natural materials. Berkeley Homes have used local stone in the Cotswolds, with some success. The opening of a showhouse later this month on a development of seven stone houses at Yatton Keynell, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, has been cancelled because the showhouse and four others have been sold. And three out of seven detached stone houses, priced at £140,000 to £170,000 at Northleach, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, were reserved within two days of the showhouse opening last month.

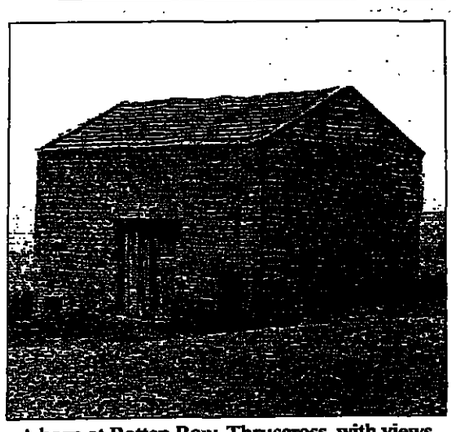
Barratt is building 16 large detached houses at Burford, Oxfordshire, with stone elevations.

Berkeley says natural stone costs about 15 per cent more than its reconstituted alternative but feels that the cost is outweighed by the long-term benefits. Martin Robins, the marketing manager of Farmington Stone Ltd, which operates a quarry that supplied Berkeley, says: "Reconstituted stone might be cheaper but it is inferior, and it does deteriorate. The first thing you see when you look at a house is its walls, and natural stone looks better." Farmington Stone's 20-acre quarry employs 66, including traditional stonemasons, who can carve any pattern or shape requested.

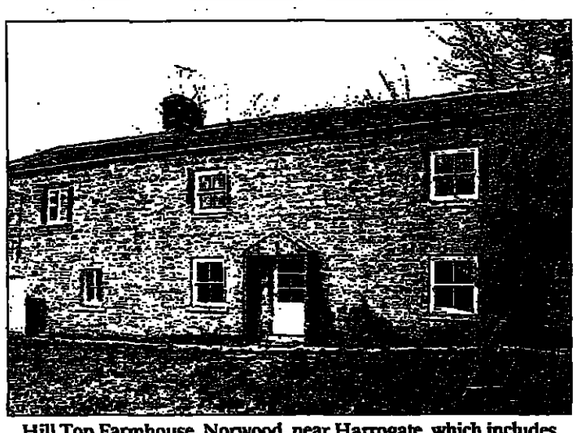
The quarry owner, Capt John Barrow, whose family bought the 1,000-acre estate in 1902, is delighted. "We always had a little quarry that employed six men. When agriculture started going downhill six years ago we decided to change emphasis."

Peter Shelley, a director of Palmerstone Quarry, of Andoversford, near Cheltenham, says, "Five years ago people only used natural stone when planning authorities insisted, but now people use it out of choice."

People are being encouraged to work from home in idyllic Yorkshire



A barn at Ratten Row, Thruscross, with views over a reservoir is on sale for about £40,000



Hill Top Farmhouse, Norwood, near Harrogate, which includes outbuildings, gardens and paddocks, is priced at £175,000

Scheme reaches to the converted

One hundred derelict barns and farmhouses in some of the most beautiful areas of Yorkshire are to be renovated. After 50 years of standing empty or housing sheep, the stone wall buildings are to be made habitable.

Yorkshire Water Estates, the property management division of Yorkshire Water, has decided that the buildings, which lie on 74,000 acres of land it inherited during privatisation in 1989, should be restored. Many are listed, and those in line for restoration include a 1760 school house and two old chapels.

Many will include space for people to work from home. Yorkshire Water Estates is working with local councils to negotiate planning permission. "We have had very positive reactions from the councils," says Jon Lloyd, Yorkshire Water Estates managing director, who trained as a chartered surveyor. "The main things we are concerned about are security, and keeping the original rural look of the buildings. We don't want people building fountains and turning them into Dallas dales."

Much of Yorkshire Water's property in Harrogate is on land that may be declared an area of outstanding natural beauty. The restoration and conversion work will be done, either before or after the properties are sold, by local builders and stonemasons, often from long-established family firms, which have been working on old buildings for years. Some of the properties might need to be stabilised before conversion begins, but the structures will be maintained at all times, preserving as much of the original stone as possible. Full conversion of one property is expected to take five months. New owners will have to agree not to make structural changes without the agreement of Yorkshire water.

The conversion programme is due to start next spring. The renovated properties should be for sale for between £80,000 and £400,000 in the summer and occupied by November, 1994. Materials from buildings which are beyond repair will be salvaged and used for restoring others.

Some unrestored buildings have already been sold to individuals and small builders for between £40,000 and £200,000. Within seven weeks of ten being offered in July, only one was unsold. But Mr Lloyd was not surprised. "This is a very beautiful area and people locally or from further away are always looking out for opportunites here. I remember a case of a man buying a property before he had even seen it," he says.

The buildings are not necessarily being sold to the highest bidders. To cut down on the pollution caused by travelling, and to create local employment, those who work from home have first refusal.

Mr Lloyd says: "All sorts of people are interested, from those doing office or consultancy work, to those involved with telecommunications, all wanting to work from a converted barn."

A percentage of the proceeds from the property sold is to be put into a fund administered by Yorkshire Water to which local community groups and businesses can apply for sponsorship. Yorkshire Water Estates is also committed to making sure some of the buildings are redeveloped into "pure rural workshops" for local business use.

Vernon Young, who has worked for five years from his home in Ilkley, near Leeds, as the northern area manager for a Herts-based computer company, says: "I start the day without the aggravation of traffic, and have been able to watch my children grow up."

He thinks Yorkshire Water's plan shows the movement could spread, but British business culture will have to change. "People need to get rid of their technophobia, worrying about being away from the city and all its facilities," he says.

Yorkshire Water's plan to convert the redundant buildings is also strongly supported by the Rural Development Commission (RDC), which offers a redundant building grant for such schemes. Twenty five per cent of eligible costs are met on the condition of one full-time job being created for every £4,500 donated.

John Robinson, area manager for Yorkshire and Humberside RDC, says: "I would adore a workable application to fund renovation of Yorkshire Water's old buildings."

JENNAI COX

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Wilson lifts British gloom on third day of RAC Rally with late challenge to Kankkunen

McRae's hopes again destroyed on third day

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McRae negotiates the Grizedale West stage in his Subaru Impreze yesterday before a damaged radiator forced him into retirement

By Oliver Holt

BURGEONING British hopes of a first home win in the RAC rally for 17 years receded amid a lingering sense of déjà vu yesterday when Colin McRae was forced to abandon a healthy lead and retire from the event after a branch smashed through the radiator of his Subaru Impreza.

For the third year in succession, the 25-year-old driver's hopes of emulating Roger Clark's win in 1976 were dashed on the third day. In 1991 and 1992, McRae lost his lead in the Grizedale West stage of the rally in the Lake District. He got one stage further yesterday, but it will be scant consolation that his challenge ended in the only section that passed through his native Scotland.

British gloom was lifted later in the day by a startling charge from Malcolm Wilson, of Northumberland. As heavy snow fell on the notorious Kielder Forest stages of the rally, Wilson set the quickest time on the 25th stage at Harwood and moved into third place overall.

He was quickest again in the next section at Falstone where he finished more than 40 seconds ahead of his nearest rival and closed the gap on the leader, Juha Kankkunen by 2min 28sec, after the Finn punctured both front and rear tyres on the co-driver's side and was forced to drive the remaining ten miles on their rims.

In the penultimate stage at Broomylinn, he clipped another 20 seconds off his deficit to Kankkunen, whose lead over Kenneth Eriksson was reduced to 32 seconds. Wilson trailed him by 1min 59sec before the final day today.

"I am heartbroken," McRae said after frantic attempts to get his car back on the road had failed. "I thought we were away this time. We had as good a chance as we have ever had. We were leading with no problems but now we have run out of time. A branch came into the engine bay and made a large hole in the radiator."

McRae's team-mate, Ari Vatanen, of Finland, said: "They are the worst conditions I have seen on the RAC. The road is polished glass, no grip at all, worse than Scandinavia."

McRae's cause was not helped by the fact that his misfortune occurred early in the longest stage of the rally, the 24-mile long Kershope section. His Impreza limped home, but by the end of the stage, his 22-second lead over Kankkunen had turned into a deficit of more than two minutes.

The incident gave more credence to Kankkunen's apparent readiness to allow McRae to take the overnight lead on Monday and run the gauntlet of untested stages, clearing the way for his pursuers. Kankkunen emphasised his adherence to this policy when he subjected himself to a voluntary four-second penalty in order to drop himself back to third in the running order.

That marginally increased McRae's lead after the morning's first two stages. But it was to no avail.

McRae's misfortune was the harder to bear after he had survived the Grizedale West stage that had accounted for him in 1991 and 1992. At the corner there, about 400 yards from the start, where he plunged down a bank two years ago, a crowd had gathered to nurse him through.

At the edge of the forest, just after dawn with Lake Windermere shrouded in fog far below, first McRae, turning the gravel from grey to white as his car flung it to the side of the road, then, almost nonchalantly, Kankkunen, came sliding sideways round the corner, disappearing in clouds of dust into the pine trees. One by one, they passed safely through.

"They're all used to this corner now after McRae's accident," the supervising marshal said, before he launched into an account of his own brief rallying career as a co-driver. It had been ended when the taxi in which he was a passenger crashed into a lorry and he broke his neck. "Funny thing was the cabbie was called Roger Clark," he said. "Pity he couldn't drive like him."

In the RAC rally at least, Britain is still waiting for someone who can.

DETAILS

LEADING POSITIONS (after 26 stages): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin) and N Grist (GB), Toyota Celica, 4hr 41min 10sec; 2, K Eriksson and S Parmander (Swe), Mitsubishi Lancer, 4.42.12; 3, M Wilson and B Thomas (GB), Ford Escort, 4:43.28; 4, F Delecour and D Grataloup (Fr), Ford Escort, 4:44.17; 5, D Auriol and V Occelli (Fr), Toyota Celica, 4:45.32; 6, A Vatanen (Fin) and B Berglund (Swe), Subaru Impreza, 4:45.54; 7, R Burns and R Reid (GB), Subaru Legacy, 4:51.21; 8, R Head and C Roy (GB), Ford Escort, 4:58.29; 9, A Schwarz and P Thul (Ger), Mitsubishi Lancer, 5:01.08; 10, M Jonsson and L Backman (Swe), Toyota Celica, 5:06.00.

Griffiths uses old resolve to reach final eight

By Phil Yates

TERRY Griffiths, only now coming to terms with the death of his father in September, fought hard yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship with a 9-6 victory over Dean Reynolds in Preston in a match that lasted seven hours.

The pressure of knowing that his father was critically ill throughout the summer placed a heavy burden on Griffiths. The 1982 UK champion, was beaten by Gerard Greene, a rookie professional, in the first round of the Skoda Grand Prix, but, since then, his competitive drive has returned.

That certainly helped in a turgid opening session on Monday when Griffiths and Reynolds took 4hr 13min to share the opening eight frames. The concluding session flowed more freely as Griffiths, who had beaten Reynolds on their three previous meetings, compiled breaks of 89, 51, and 42 to lead 7-5.

Reynolds, a former British Open and Grand Prix runner-up, who has fallen to 36th in the provisional world rankings, had a run of 70 for 6-7, but Griffiths, at 46 by far the oldest competitor left in the championship, went 8-6 ahead before completing a decisive clearance in the fifteenth frame.

Griffiths, the 1979 world champion, said: "It was a long, tough battle but what's new in that for me? I think I can win the title but I've got to keep improving to do so because the form I've displayed here so far frankly hasn't been good enough."

Griffiths's next test comes today when he faces Daren Morgan, a fellow Welshman, for a place in the semi-finals.

James Wattana, of Thailand, included some shot selections bordering on the contemptuous as he built a 7-1 first-session lead over Tony Jones. Wattana has beaten Jones in the first round of the last two world championships and, such was his confidence about repeating that, he played as if he could not lose.

Had Jones, the 1991 European Open champion, performed well, Wattana could have come unstuck. Jones instead committed key errors. Wattana won the first frame by potting blue, pink and black, the second with a 40 break and the third with a last-red-to-pink clearance after Jones, leading 57-43, missed a red he would normally pot.

Jones won the next frame on the black only to allow Wattana to recover from sizable deficits in two successive frames for a 5-1 lead.

Wattana, one of only three players to have scored two 147 maximum breaks in professional competition, looked set fair for a third when he potted 12 reds with 12 blacks for 96 in the seventh frame. However, he was then unfortunate to suffer a "kick" that caused him to miss the thirteenth red. Unfazed, Wattana strung together six reds and six blacks in the next before running out of position. It was only a minor irritation, though, as he was left requiring only two more frames on the resumption to advance in to a quarter-final against Stephen Hendry.

RESULTS: Third round: T Griffiths (Wales) bt D Reynolds (Engl), 9-6; J Wattana (Thai) leads A Jones (Eng), 7-1

Paralympic movement draws the line

In the second of three articles, **Alix Ramsay** looks at the disabled athletes in danger of becoming sport outcasts

Disability is hard to define, according to Nigel Coultas, one of Britain's leading Paralympic sprinters. "If you draw a line and put the most severely disabled person at one end and Arnold Schwarzenegger at the other, most people would fall somewhere between. I know I am more able than some able-bodied people," he said.

Coultas, who lost part of his right arm seven years ago at the age of 18, captured silver medals at 100, 200 and 400 metres at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona last year. While he recognises that, in comparison to some Paralympians, he is not severely disabled, he is prevented from competing on equal terms with able-bodied people. The technicalities of his disability affect every aspect of his athletics career. Everything from the problems of holding good position on the blocks to a lack of balance and fluency off the bends. "Anyone with their head screwed on right can see we can't compete on an equal footing with the able-bodied," he said.

The question facing Coultas and many of the athletes from Barcelona is whether their disability is severe enough to enable them to compete at the next Games. More than 3,000 athletes took part in Spain, divided into different classes. In order to limit the numbers, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is considering abolishing some of the classifications, starting with those of "minimal disability."

At the top of that list are the partially-sighted, where there are three categories ranging from B1 for the totally blind to B3 for those with the least visual impairment. Bob Price, a director of the British Paralympic Association and head of its delegation in Barcelona, said: "A lot of people look at the B3s and ask what difference does it make on the track."

However, Noel Thatcher, the world record-holder at 800 and 5,000 metres in the B2 class and world record-holder and Paralympic champion at 1,500 metres, said: "The problem is we don't look disabled. With years and years of hard work, we've managed to reach a decent standard only to be punished for doing so well."

By any standards, Thatcher is a talented runner, but put him in a race with fully-sighted athletes and he is in trouble. With only three yards of clear vision, his training and racing techniques have to be adapted.

"People assume you are disabled only when you walk on to the track," he said. "We've been treated as disabled by doctors, teachers and the government all our lives. Now we are being told we are not disabled enough to compete."

Barcelona represented a watershed for the Paralympic movement. The quality of competition and the size of the crowds meant that sport for the disabled had to be taken seriously, but there was a feeling that these were the media-friendly Games. The competitors were, as Coultas put it, "aesthetically pleasing", there was little sign of people with severe disabilities who, perhaps, would not look so good on camera. The fear is that the personalities of Barcelona may be sacrificed to make way for the groups with the most severe disabilities to give the games credibility. As one athlete put it: "They're trying to turn us into a freak show."

The problem is simple: if some disabled athletes are ruled out of the Paralympics but cannot compete fully with the able bodied, they have nowhere to go.

Thatcher has been competing at the top level for ten years with deteriorating sight: "In every other aspect of my life, I emphasise my abilities," he said. "Only in my sport do I have to sell myself on what I can't do and if they expect me to run around the track with a dog and a white stick you won't see me for dust."



Coultas: silver treble

☐ *Tomorrow: winter discontent over lack of coaching and financial support.*

Spirited Orrell defy doubters

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

SHEER bloody-mindedness may have much to do with Orrell's standing in the Courage Clubs Championship at the moment. Fourth place in the first division is not what many predicted for the Lancashire club at the start of the season, though it is symptomatic of the affection for the club that delight for their achievements thus far this season is universal.

They will have been particularly pleased to have beaten Harlequins last week, helped by what Des Seabrook, their rugby director, believes was the best first half he has seen Orrell play this season. Like it or not, Harlequins represent so many of the reasons for resentment that foster Orrell's team spirit — notably access to England's various representative teams.

"We like people writing us off, it's an added incentive for us," Seabrook said, "but we're particularly disappointed that northern boys don't get a shout when it comes to England selection. It's so damaging for us because it means players feel they have to get away to get on."

Last night England's emerging players met New Zealand at Gloucester without one northern-based player in the XV and only one — Martin Hynes, from Orrell — among the replacements. The same was true when England A played the All Blacks, while only Dewi Morris flies the northern flag for England on Saturday. Which is not to say northerners have not been picked; but they play their rugby elsewhere.

Yet it takes more than resentment to make progress in the league and Seabrook gives considerable credit to Bill Lyon and Phil Moss, the club coaches, and the senior players, such as Morris and Sammy Southern helping improve on last season's efforts, when they struggled to remain in the first division.

Spanish complacency may suit confident Galatasaray

By Our Sports Staff

AN UNEXPECTED home defeat last weekend bodes ill for Barcelona, of Spain, as they prepare for their trip to Turkey to meet Galatasaray in tonight's opening round of matches in the European Cup Champions League.

Galatasaray, who beat Manchester United in the competition's second round, are confident of another success when Barcelona visit their Ali Sami Yen stadium, in which the Turks have been beaten just once in ten years of European competition. Barcelona were shaken by Saturday's 1-0 defeat by Llerida, the Spanish league's bottom side, at the Nou Camp stadium, their first home loss in the league for more than two years.

The performance angered their coach, Johan Cruyff, so much that he fined his entire team: "All this means that some players will not be here at the end of the season," Cruyff said.

Barcelona, the 1992 European champions, have been inconsistent this season. They just managed to squeeze past Dynamo Kiev, of Ukraine, in the first round, winning 4-1 at home in the second leg to progress 5-4 on aggregate. Galatasaray, European Cup semi-finalists in 1989, though, are in good form: they were boosted by victory in the league at the weekend, a 2-0 win over Altay, who beat them twice last season.

Rainer Hollmann, Galatarasay's technical director, said: "We have respect for Barcelona, but we need not fear anyone — they just play football, after all." Hollmann also has a score to settle with Barcelona. He was assistant to Karlheinz Feldkamp when Barcelona knocked Kaiserslautern, of Germany, out of the European Cup in 1991-92.

"We are a team that is good on the attack. We are going to win by displaying this against Barcelona," Hollmann said. In the other Group A, match, Spartak Moscow visit AS Monaco. Spartak, semi-finalists in the Cup-Winners' Cup last season, could prove powerful contenders for a place in this season's European Cup semi-finals, although their campaign may be derailed — like CSKA Moscow's last season — by the severe Russian winter. CSKA were forced to play all three home ties in Germany.

In Group B, last season's beaten finalists and this year's favourites, AC Milan, yet to concede a goal in four games, visit Anderlecht, the Belgian champions, while the in-form FC Porto meet Werder Bremen. Italian clubs, who have won the Uefa Cup four times in the past five seasons, continue the quest to maintain the country's hold on the trophy. Juventus, the holders, who also won in 1990, are at home to Tenerife, the season's surprise package from Spain, while Internazionale travel to Norwich and Cagliari go to KV Mechelen in Belgium. Germany also have three representatives in the third round — last season's beaten finalists, Borussia Dortmund, who visit Brondby, of Denmark, Eintracht Frankfurt, who play Deportivo La Coruña, and SC Karlsruhe.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

The following matches were postponed:
FA CUP: First round replays: Cardiff v Enfield; Chester v Bradford; Gillingham v Yeading; Marine v Stalybridge; Wigan v Leek (new date for all matches November 30).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth v Watford.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Raith v Aberdeen. First division: Dunfermline v Hamilton. Second division: Berwick v Forfar.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham v Kingstonian.
FA VASE: Second round replays: Banstead v Newport; Diss v Tring; Evesham v Cogenhoe.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Hereford v Newtown.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Caersws v Mold.
BUDWEISER CUP: Second round: Lame v Ards.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Millwall.
Late results on Monday
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea 0, Manchester City 0
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Leicester 0, Wolverhampton 1. Second division: Preston 3, Burnley 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Guiseley 3, Fridley 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Wivenhoe 0, Sutton United 3

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Bedford v Oxford University.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): San Francisco 49ers 42, New Orleans Saints 7.

ATHLETICS

CHIBA, Japan: International Ekiden (relay marathon): Men: 1, Morocco, 2hr 1min 13sec; 2, Ethiopia, 2:01.33; 3, Britain, 2:03.18; 11, Ireland, 2:07.09. Women: 1, Japan, 2:17.57; 2, Russia, 2:19.52; 3, Australia, 2:21.28; 5, Britain, 2:24.06.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Ottawa 2, Buffalo 5; Calgary 1, Anaheim 2; Vancouver 2, Toronto 5.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: George Wimpey British open championship (GB unless stated): First round: J Male bt P Brake, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Second round: M Gooding bt P Tabley (Aus), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; F Filippelli (Aus) bt C Lumley (Aus), 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; C Bray bt A Snelgrove, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; L Deucher (Aus) bt N Wood, 6-6, 6-3, 3-6, 5-6, 6-3; Male walkover J Howell; M Devine bt F Willis, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4; J Snow bt A Phillips, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.

SQUASH

KARACHI: World Open championship: Final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Jahangir Khan (Pak), 14-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-5.

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE (positions at 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle, Australia): Mixed class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 4,885.2; Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 4,966.3. La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 5,058; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 5,485. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justice (L Smith, Eur), 4,982; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 5,004; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 5,007; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 5,037; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 5,041; 6, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 5,140; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 5,208; 8, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 5,335; 9, Heiman Sahadadchny (E Piston, Ukr), 5,353; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 5,510.
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VOLLEYBALL

OSAKA, Japan: World Grand Champions' Cup: Brazil bt Cuba, 3-1; Italy bt South Korea, 3-0; Japan bt United States, 3-1.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB), 21.00pts avg, 2, G Norman (Aus), 19.44; 3, B Langer (Ger), 17.12; 4, F Couples (US), 15.11; 5, N Price (Zim), 15.05; 6, P Azinger (US), 14.87; 7, I Woosnam (GB), 12.04; 8, T Kite (US), 10.39; 9, D Frost (SA), 10.04; 10, D Love (US), 9.91; 11, C Pavin, 9.52 (US); 12, P Stewart (US), 9.37; 13, M Ozaki (Japan), 9.24; 14, J M Olazabal (Sp), 9.04; 15, C Montgomerie (GB), 8.74; 16, J Cook (US), 8.57; 17, V Singh (Fiji), 8.51

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Uefa Cup
Third round
First leg
Norwich City v Internazionale (7.10) .....
FA Cup
First-round replays
Doncaster v Shrewsbury .....
Reading v Cambridge United (7.45) .....
Walsall v Wrexham (7.45) .....
York v Burnley (7.45)
(all ticket) .....
FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Southampton (7.45) .....
Manchester Utd v Ipswich (8.00) .....
Newcastle v Sheff Utd (7.45) .....
Sheffield Wed v Oldham (7.45) .....
Swindon v QPR (7.45) .....
Tottenham v Wimbledon (7.45).....
West Ham v Arsenal (7.45)
(all ticket) .....
Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Bolton v Crystal Palace .....
Anglo-Italian Cup
International stage
Group A
Ascoli v Middlesbrough (2.30) .....
Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Motherwell.....
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Edgware v Hungerford. Carlsberg Cup: First round: Chesham v St Albans.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Cambridge City v Rushden and Diamonds, Wealdstone v Waterlooville.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Cheddleton v St. Helens; Holker Old Boys v Penrith; Kidsgrove v Bootle.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket v Tiptree
FA VASE: Second round replays: Alvechurch v Peterlee Villa.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE CUP: Eccleshill v Thackley.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Westbury v Calne. Les Phillips Cup: Radstock v Odd Down.
PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated): First division: Coventry v Nottingham Forest; Sunderland v Everton. Second division: Huddersfield v Rotherham; Hull v Blackpool; Port Vale v Grimsby; West Bromwich v Stoke.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Swindon (7.15); Chelsea v Wimbledon (7.0); Oxford Utd v Ipswich; Portsmouth v Luton (7.0); Watford v Bristol Rovers. Second division: Cardiff v Torquay (2.0). League Cup: Bournemouth v Plymouth (2.0). *Exeter v Hereford (7.0).*
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RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Moseley v Combined Services .....
Cambridge Univ v M R Steele-Bodger's XV (3.0).....

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Widnes v Leeds.....
Wigan v Sheffield .....
Second division
Bramley v London Crusaders.....

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European men's club championship: Semi-final group match: Guildford Kings v Limoges (Fr) (8.0). Budweiser League: Leicester v Hemel Hempstead (8.0).
MOTOR RALLYING: RAC Rally.
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston).
TENNIS: European women's team championships (Sheffield)

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Griffiths uses old resolve to reach final eight

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IAN STEWART



Legs crossed as Deep Sensation, right, negotiates the last at Huntingdon in company with Travado, who took command on the run-in

Travado underlines title claim

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

AN OASIS of decent jumping ground in the heart of the Fens was rewarded yesterday as Travado decisively outpointed Deep Sensation to take the Peterborough Column Chase.

Although the race between last season's Arkle and Queen Mother Chase winners was over 2½ miles, time will almost surely show that Huntingdon's feature race was a key pointer to who will be crowned the two-mile champion at the end of the season.

The abundance of speed possessed by Travado and his fast jumping was not suited to the inevitably slow pace during yesterday's four-runner affair and, as the two market leaders turned for home, Deep Sensation appeared to be travelling the better — all of which highlights the deceptive nature of viewing from the grandstand.

In fact, Jamie Osborne and Declan Murphy, the respective riders of Travado and Deep Sensation and two of the most intelligent jockeys in the weighing room, were involved in a tactical cat-and-mouse game which both expected to win: "Declan was travelling very well and thought he could outspeed me, so I slowed it down completely," Osborne said. "Turning two out, we almost pulled up to a canter. Declan looked across and said 'you won't do me for toe.' I said: 'you reckon'."

Having jumped the last virtually together, Travado quickly went clear on the run-in to win by seven lengths. "This horse has got gears. I always felt I had an extra special bit of speed left to outpace him," Osborne added.

The finishing kick of Deep Sensation was disappointing and raised the question whether Josh Gifford's highly-talented chaser is entirely genuine in a head-to-head battle. A possible rematch in the Tingle Creek at Sandown on Saturday week may provide the answer.

On ground which proved to be quite sticky, Travado appeared to have no problem winning for the first time over 2½ miles, but Nicky Henderson is resisting the temptation of stepping him up in distance: "The Queen Mother Chase is the ultimate target, so what is the point of trying to make him go extra distance? All of a sudden, one would be thinking of taking on the Jodamis of this world and that is pointless," he said.

Travado's success came a year to the day after the Henderson-trained Remittance Man suffered a leg injury while winning the same race at Huntingdon: "Remittance Man is being scanned today, 365 days after he injured himself. If all is well, he will start back tomorrow," Henderson said.

The 1992 Queen Mother Champion Chase winner strained a near-fore tendon, was given ample time to rest and has been doing road work for three months to build up his fitness.

If all goes according to plan, Remittance Man will have his first race in January before possibly lining up against yesterday's winning stable companion in the Queen Mother Chase.

Price injured in Southwell fall

RUSSELL Price was taken to the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham with multiple bruising and a minor head injury after a fall at Southwell yesterday. He was detained for observation.

Price was unseated from Restore in division two of the Alex Lawrie Factors Claiming Stakes. Restore floundered badly and shook his head wildly two furlongs out, giving Price no chance of staying on board. The jockey lay still for some time after hitting the ground.

The stewards held an enquiry into the fall and, having examined the blinkers and eyeshield worn by Restore, forwarded them to the Jockey Club with a report of the incident. It is thought that the eyeshield became clogged with sand and misted up, causing Restore to panic.

The race was won by the Peter Easterby-trained Sense Of Priority, on whom Kevin Darley equalled the record number of winners ridden by a northern-based Flat jockey. Riding for the first time since breaking a collar-bone on October 17, Darley drew level with the mark of 137 set by Edward Hide in 1974, then bettered it with a short-head victory on Mary Reveley's Second Colours in the Tulip Handicap.

Darley had equalled Hide's total before his accident but subsequently lost one winner when River North was disqualified for failing a dope test. Darley, who has five booked rides at Lingfield on Saturday, said: "I will ride there and back here next Wednesday, then I might say that is it."

☐ Vince Halliday was banned for four days (December 2 to 5 inclusive) for improper use of the whip on the David Barron-trained Dream Carrier in the Tulip Handicap.

Sangster to race three colts in Dubai

ROBERT Sangster is to send three horses to be trained in Dubai this winter. The two-year-old colts Barossa Valley, Cult Hero and Kalkabrino are to experience the expanding racing operation established by the Maktoum family.

Sangster decided to follow the initiative of Shaikh Mohammed, who sent Dayflower and Blush Rambler to Dubai last year, after visiting the Arab state recently.

"I was tremendously impressed by the development since I was last there two years ago," he said. "The facilities are exceptional, the climate is like the English summer, and the horses are likely to race there at the end of March before returning for the European campaign in April.

"Dayflower ran well in the 1,000 Guineas and then won at York. I think many other owners will take advantage of the sunshine in Dubai."

Sangster continued: "Each stable has its own swimming pool and there are two lads to each horse as opposed to one lad to two or three in England. The standard of horses is high and I believe this is going to be more popular than Hong Kong for Europeans to visit."

The Sangster trio will join former stable companions Balanchine, State Performer, Shepton Mallet and Escarpment, sold to Shaikh Mohammed in the autumn. They are likely to return to the Manton trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, next summer.

☐ Norman Williamson was given a four-day suspension — starting Friday — by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday for improper use of the whip when riding Chiappucci at Windsor on November 13.

☐ The going for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday is likely to be on the fast side. "The ground is firming up and by Thursday I would say it will be good to firm," Richard Pridham, the clerk of the course, said yesterday.

☐ All-weather Flat meetings are to be restricted to a maximum of seven races from December 1 to help ease a growing deficit in funds for divided races.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tennis gives funds for clay surfaces

THE Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) announced yesterday that it has invested heavily in building courts with clay surfaces (Stuart Jones writes). Of the £23 million being spent on new tournament venues and training facilities, more than a quarter has been set aside for the installation of a court surface that is unfamiliar to all but the most experienced British players.

Three American clay court tournament centres are to be opened by the end of next year. Ironically, most of the revenue was generated by the All England championships at Wimbledon, which are held on grass. The LTA, in partnership with the All England Club, made a £13.4 million profit from Wimbledon, an increase of 16 per cent on 1992.

In a repeat of last year's final, Britain's women, the defending champions, will play Holland in the first round of the European team tennis championships in Sheffield today.

Award-winning book

Endless Winter, by Stephen Jones, rugby correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, yesterday won the fifth William Hill Sports Book of the Year prize in London. The book, which examines the radical changes in the game of recent years, was chosen from a shortlist of six that also contained: *Ray Of Hope* by Ray Kennedy and Dr Andrew Lees, *The Great Number Tens* by Frank Keating, *Ladies Of The Court* by Michael Mewshaw, *Betrayal* by Graham Wright, and *Horse Trader* by Patrick Robinson and Nick Robinson. Jones's prize includes £3,000 in cash and a free £500 bet with the award's sponsors. The judges were: Lord Howell, Matthew Engel, Hugh McIlvanney, Cliff Morgan and Ian Wooldridge, under the chairmanship of John Gaustad, of Sportspages bookshop.

Television warning

CRICKET: Inderjit Singh Bindra, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, warned the Indian government to change its policy of state television having a monopoly on events held in the country. Bindra said: "There is no way we can help to stage the World Cup in 1996 unless this happens." An international company, World Tel, has bought the rights to the World Cup, being staged by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. There was no television coverage of the early stages of the Bombay diamond jubilee tournament because of a dispute between Indian state television and the rights-holders, Transworld International.

Australians plan move

RUGBY LEAGUE: Australia's leading club is preparing to establish a London-based team to play in England to introduce young players into Australia. Officials of the Brisbane Broncos expect the scheme to allow them to scout for British youngsters for their domestic competition and send Australian players in the twilight of their careers to England. Paul Morgan, the Broncos chairman, said: "The game is going global and we want to be part of it in every way." The proposal for a London-based team, possibly called the British Broncos, was first discussed last year.

Shaw leads British

HOCKEY: John Shaw, of Southgate, will lead Great Britain in the four nations' tournament at Barcelona from January 6-9 and the Champions Trophy at Lahore, Pakistan, from March 18-25. Nine members of the British team that finished sixth in the Olympics last year have been selected, plus four new players — Crutchley, McGuire, Mason and Sutton.

SQUAD: D Luckes (East Grinstead), S Mason (Firebrands), P Bolland (Hounslow), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), R Hill (Havant), D Williams (Havant), J Laslett (Teddington), J Shaw (Southgate), S Nicklin (Teddington), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), R Thompson (Hounslow), Soma Singh (Southgate), M Sutton (Bournville), R Crutchley (Hounslow), P McGuire (Teddington), R Davis (Harleston Magpies).

Smith extends lead

YACHTING: Lawrie Smith and his Intrum Justitia crew pulled a further ten miles ahead of Chris Dickson's second-placed Whitbread 60 yacht, Tokio, during a second day in the Southern Ocean marred by fog and threat of icebergs. Now within 5,000 miles of Fremantle, Intrum holds a two-hour lead over Tokio and the Spanish entry, Galicia '93. Within the maxi fleet, Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour, which passed to the north of Bouvet Island yesterday, holds a comfortable 80-mile lead over Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss entry, Merit Cup.

Deuchar survives

REAL TENNIS: Lachie Deuchar, the third seed, survived two match points against Nick Wood, of Hampton Court, to reach the quarter-finals of the British Open championship at Queen's Club, London. The Australian, last season's world championship challenger, who is carrying a calf injury, was kept under constant pressure by Wood, who is an outstanding prospect. He finally raised his game, hitting some solid winners, to move to an edgy victory by a score of 5-6, 6-3, 3-6, 5-6, 6-3 to qualify for a match with the world rackets champion, James Male.

Jansher claims crown

SQUASH: Jahangir Khan's ambition of retiring in his home town as world champion was thwarted in Karachi yesterday. Despite winning the opening game in 26 minutes, the World Open final was eventually won by his younger Pakistani compatriot, Jansher Khan, 14-15, 15-9, 15-5, 15-5. Jahangir, 30, did not have enough skill and stamina to overcome Jansher, who is six years younger, in the 78-minute final. England had two semi-finalists for the first time in this competition — Peter Marshall and Chris Walker.

Windsor on brink as frost threatens again

THE meeting at Windsor today has a "50-50" chance of surviving a 7.15am inspection. Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "I am hopeful rather than confident that racing will go ahead. The course was barely raceable today but the forecast is for less frost than last night."

The other two meetings scheduled for this afternoon, Hexham and Hereford, were abandoned yesterday. Hereford was called off because of frost, Hexham through a combination of snow and frost. Yesterday's programme at Stratford survived an inspection for frost but was later called off because of fog.

Carlisle's fixture tomorrow is threatened with 75 per cent of the course frozen. The stewards will inspect the track at 2.30pm today but the clerk of the course, Johnnie Fenwick-Clennell, considers prospects "very gloomy". He added: "The forecast is for milder weather but it will take a lot to get the frost out."

The outlook is brighter for tomorrow's other meetings at Nottingham and Taunton. Both were considered raceable yesterday.

Newcastle, which hosts Saturday's Fighting Fifth Hurdle, is under three inches of snow but no frost is forecast. No inspection is planned at the moment. Snow is also covering Kelso, due to race on Monday, and the track is frozen underneath.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Huntingdon

Going: good to soft

1.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, TAX THE DEVIL (A Dicken, 4-1); 2, Highland Flame (D Murphy, 9-2); 3, Mister Blake (R Campbell, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rue Balzac (pu), 11 Chiltern Hundreds (4th), 16 Top Gunner (pu), 33 Plum Line (pu), Clashreagh (pu). 8 ran. ¾l, 12l, 12l. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £4.20; £1.20, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £16.80. CSF: £20.53. No bid.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, UNHOLY ALLIANCE (N Williamson, 7-4 fav); 2†, Bollinger (D Murphy, 2-1); 2†, Spoonhill Wood (R Dunwoody, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Prince's Court (4th), 9 What A Noble (pu), 16 Welsh Commander (6th), 20 Black Church (5th). 7 ran. 1¾l, dd-ht, 2l, dist, 5l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, Bollinger £0.80, Spoonhill Wood £1.10. DF: Unholy Alliance and Bollinger £1.60, Unholy Alliance and Spoonhill Wood £4.60. CSF: Unholy Alliance and Bollinger £2.65, Unholy Alliance and Spoonhill Wood, £8.96.

2.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, CARLINGFORD LAKES (S Smith Eccles, 12-1); 2, Welsh Lustre (Mr G Hogan, 10-1); 3, Princess Hotpot (J Osborne, 8-15 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Nyjume (5th), 10 Flapping Freda, 25 Country Fling (6th), 33 Green Walk (4th), 50 Greenhill Go On (pu). 8 ran. ¾l, 5l, 12l, 6l, 2l. T Thomson Jones at Lambourn. Tote: £10.30; £2.10, £2.40, £1.10. DF: £85.60. CSF: £104.99.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, TRAVADO (J Osborne, 8-13 fav); 2, Deep Sensation (D Murphy, 2-1); 3, Brandeston (P Murphy, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Very Very Ordinary (4th). 4 ran. 7l, dist, 3l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.14.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, JIMSTER (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 2, Little General (H Davies, 7-1); 3, Do Be Brief (I Lawrence, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Delgany Run (pu), 5 Singlesole (pu), 7 Dandy Minstrel (4th). 6 ran. NR: Love Anew. Tipp Mariner. 5l, 1l, dist. C Nash at Wantage. Tote: £3.90; £2.50, £4.30. DF: £24.70. CSF: £28.11. Tricast: £59.57.

3.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, MANEREE (R Campbell, 5-2 fav); 2, Rabfy (A S Smith, 10-1); 3, Top Wave (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Fierce (pu), 4 Mrs Mayhew (5th), 7 Driving Force (4th), 20 Creeager, 25 Solid (6th). 8 ran. NR: Admiralty Way, Chuck Curley, Front Street. 1l, 4l, 2l, 5l, 2l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £13.40. Trio: £55.50. CSF: £25.23. Tricast: £107.60.

Placepot: £37.90.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.10 (1m 3f) 1, Tempering (Miss R Clark, 11-4); 2, No Submission (5-1); 3, Mexican Dancer (14-1). Kagram Queen 7-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Savings Bank. 3l, ¾l. D Chapman. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £7.20. CSF: £15.67.

12.40 (6f) 1, Sea Devil (L Charnock, 10-1); 2, Super Benz (11-8 fav); 3, Farmer Jock (20-1). 16 ran. 2l, sh hd. M Camacho. Tote: £9.70; £2.70, £1.60, £5.10. DF: £22.60. CSF: £26.44.

1.10 (1m 6f) 1, Absalom's Pillar (N Carlisle, 12-1); 2, Flyaway (12-1); 3, Mrs Jawleyford (11-1); 4, Allmosa (10-1). Followingworth Girl 11-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Hotsocks. ½l, 3l. J Hetherton. Tote: £17.00; £5.50, £2.50, £1.90, £2.80. DF: £157.20. Trio: £259.80. CSF: £135.23. Tricast: £1,488.10.

1.40 (1m 3f) 1, Sol Rouge (Mr I McLelland, 11-2); 2, Loch Duich (10-11 fav); 3, Mr Jazz Dancer (12-1). 10 ran. 12l, 2½l. R Thompson. Tote: £6.80; £2.00, £1.30, £2.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10.91.

2.10 (1m) 1, Trans Siberia (D Biggs, 100-30); 2, Saw Mill (8-1); 3, Northern Storm (20-1). Betabetcorbett 5-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: County Sel. 6l, hd. S Woods. Tote: £2.60; £2.20, £2.10, £5.70. DF: £7.90. CSF: £31.27.

2.40 (6f) 1, Sense Of Priority (K Darley, 7-4 fav); 2, Obsidian Grey (7-1); 3, Letsbeonestaboutit (14-1). 16 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. M H Easterby. Tote: £3.50; £2.30, £2.00, £4.50. DF: £20.90. CSF: £16.41.

3.10 (7f) 1, Chief Executive (Paul Eddery, 14-1); 2, Just Harry (20-1); 3, Just Greenwich (14-1). Little Ibnr 6-4 fav. 14 ran. 6l, 2l. W Muir. Tote: £12.40; £2.50, £4.80, £5.50. DF: £127.50. CSF: £250.18. Tricast: £3,615.02.

3.40 (7f) 1, Second Colours (K Darley, 8-1); 2, Dream Carrier (5-1); 3, Pondicherry (16-1). Debsy Do 4-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Kule Lucy. Sh hd, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5.60; £2.90, £2.70, £4.20. DF: £19.70. CSF: £46.85. Tricast: £590.37.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (7.15AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.20 RIVER THAMES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,086: 2m) (16 runners)

1 ARFEY 148F (M Myers) T Thomson Jones 4-10-12 S Smith Eccles 71
2 10-4 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 40 (S) (Hawkridge Farmhouse Ltd) P Hobbs 4-10-12 M Hourigan 72
3 DUCKEY FUZZ 34F (Mrs W Falett) R Flower 5-10-12 A Maguire –
4 04P00-0 GREEN'S TRILOGY 11 (G) (K Clutterbuck) K Clutterbuck 5-10-12 M Ahern –
5 5/2- JOHNS JOY 377 (Miss J Self) J Bridger 6-10-12 A Dicken (5) 80
6 00P-0P MASTER MURPHY 7 (Mrs S Herridge) P Murphy 4-10-12 E Murphy 59
7 225-2 MILZIG 53 (B,BF) (J Joseph) R O'Sullivan 4-10-12 D O'Sullivan 91
8 0/ PRINCE ROONEY 16F (D Butler) P Butler 5-10-12 N Williamson –
9 P40/P- ROAD TO AU BON 397 (M Holland) R Baker 5-10-12 L Harvey –
10 26- SHAARID 282 (P Oldfield) I Balding 5-10-12 B Powell [TR]
11 0 SO AUDACIOUS 14 (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gaselee 5-10-12 C Llewellyn –
12 /P54- TARTAR TERTIUS 357 (J Whyte) John Whyte 9-10-12 B Clifford 71
13 0 WOODLANDS LEGEND 8 (Miss J Heritage) R Hodges 4-10-12 G McCourt –
14 00- AUTUMN LEAF 261 (G West) J Poulton 5-10-7 R Rowell –
15 PP- COLONIAL BEAUTY 355 (Miss S Widdicombe) J Poulton 4-10-7 Mr J O'Brien –
16 DOUNHURST 20F (Mrs E Sinclair) R Rowe 6-10-7 T Grantham –

BETTING: 2-1 Shaarid, 3-1 Milzig, 6-1 Arfey, 13-2 Chapel Of Barras, 14-1 Duckey Fuzz, Johns Joy, Tartar Tertius, 16-1 Prince Rooney, 20-1 others.

1992: REAL PROGRESS 4-10-12 Peter Hobbs (7-2) P Hobbs 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHAPEL OF BARRAS 11l 4th of 17 to Lady Donoghue in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). DUCKEY FUZZ beat Tesnarco ½l in a 23-runner apprentices' handicap at Newbury (7f, good to soft) on latest Flat start. JOHNS JOY 2½l 2nd of 14 to Just Cracker in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good) with GREEN'S TRILOGY tailed off 8th. MILZIG 1l 2nd of 15 to Mozemo in a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). SHAARID 1l 2nd of 21 to River Island in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. TARTAR TERTIUS 18l 4th of 7 to Lady Ghislaine in a conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: MILZIG

12.50 RUSSELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,525: 2m) (7 runners)

1 422/11 HOLTERMANN 13 (CD,F,G,S) (V & T Asc) Mrs L Richards 9-11-10 M Richards 90
2 /P611- BRIGGS BUILDERS 274 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs N Jones) P Ritchens 9-11-4 R Guest 91
3 2143-1 BELMOREDEAN 23 (D,F,G,S) (F Honour) R O'Sullivan 8-11-2 D O'Sullivan 96
4 12232- NATHIR 16F (D,S) (A Taafe) P Butler 7-10-6 M Fitzgerald 90
5 114-34 MR FELIX 23 (D, BF,F,G,S) (F Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) R Champion 7-10-6 A Maguire 91
6 34-F42 FRED SPLENDID 9 (D,BF,S) (G Small) R Hodges 10-10-2 R Dunwoody [TR]
7 52423/ CROOKED COUNSEL 569 (I Scott & D MacFarlane) K Bailey 7-10-0 N Williamson –

Long handicap: Crooked Counsel 9-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Belmoredean, 3-1 Holtermann, 4-1 Briggs Builders, 6-1 Nathir, Fred Splendid, 8-1 Mr Felix, 12-1 Crooked Counsel.

1992: KIND'A SMART 7-10-6 A S Smith (9-4 jt-fav) K Morgan 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOLTERMANN beat Around The Horn 6l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good). BRIGGS BUILDERS beat Montalino 1½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). BELMOREDEAN beat Kisu Kali 1l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, good to firm) with MR FELIX (4lb better off) 7½l 4th and FRED SPLENDID fell 3rd. NATHIR 8l 2nd of 5 to Rampallion in a novice chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to firm). FRED SPLENDID ¾l 2nd of 3 to Cotapaxi in handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, good). CROOKED COUNSEL 12l 3rd of 13 to Jimmy The Gillie in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm).
Selection: BELMOREDEAN

1.20 ROYAL BOROUGH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,925: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 RUF-60R CARRIGLAWN 12 (Mrs S Lousada) J Gifford 8-10-12 D Murphy –
2 00-00 DOWRY SQUARE 35 (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 5-10-12 E Murphy –
3 2 FOREST FEATHER 11 (D Knox) C Weedon 5-10-12 A Maguire [TR]
4 211-0 MASTER BAVARD 14 (G) (Mrs D Saunders) M Saunders 5-10-12 V Slattery –
5 NEFARIOUS (Mrs R Kleinwort) Mark Campion 7-10-12 M Richards –
6 00-00 ROSEN THE BEAU 13 (Miss F Fletcher) N Gaselee 5-10-12 C Llewellyn 79
7 0P-60 TREASSOWE MARINER 44 (D Humphreys) G Moore 5-10-12 H Davies –
8 0-00 POLICEMANS PRIDE 14 (R Dove) M Madgwick 4-10-11 J Clarke (7) –

BETTING: 4-5 Forest Feather, 6-1 Rosen The Beau, 7-1 Master Bavard, 10-1 Policemans Pride, 12-1 others.

1992: CROFT MILL 6-10-12 J Osborne (15-8 fav) Miss H Knight 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CARRIGLAWN 45l 7th of 17 to Le Ginno in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good) on penultimate start. DOWRY SQUARE 50l 7th of 13 to Fuzzy Logic in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good). FOREST FEATHER 5l 2nd of 11 to Beyond Our Reach in a novice hurdle at Windsor (3m 6f 110yd, good). MASTER BAVARD beat Son Of Anun 1l in a 7-runner National Hunt flat race at Lingfield (AW, 2m) on penultimate start. ROSEN THE BEAU 28l 6th of 9 to Brief Gale in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, good). TREASSOWE MARINER 40l 6th of 14 to Cloghans Bay in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. POLICEMANS PRIDE 57l 10th of 14 to Old Bridge in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) with MASTER BAVARD (1lb worse off) 24l 13th.
Selection: FOREST FEATHER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Sherwood	3	12	25.0	A Maguire	5	19	26.3
D Elsworth	5	22	22.7	J Osborne	13	61	21.3
D Grissell	4	20	20.0	P Holley	4	20	20.0
P Hobbs	8	42	19.0	B Clifford	3	18	16.7
K Bailey	4	25	16.0	D Bridgwater	3	18	16.7
M Pipe	4	26	15.4	R Dunwoody	8	51	15.7

1.50 ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL NOVICES CHASE (£3,210: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

1 3405-1 HILLWALK 11 (CD,G) (M Stone) R Curtis 7-11-4 D Morris 91
2 PP042- FLYING FINISH 226 (G Graham) G Graham 8-10-11 J Akehurst 72
3 006P-P GENERAL BRANDY 18 (J Ingram) J Gifford 7-10-11 P Hide (3) –
4 221/PU LEGAL BEAGLE 33 (G,S) (R Miller) G Harwood 6-10-11 G Bradley –
5 312-53 HURRICANE BLAKE 33 (B,F,G) (P Rylands) D Grissell 5-10-10 J Railton –
6 160-23 THE GLOW 25 (BF,G) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 5-10-10 P Holley [TR]
7 43344U VIAGGIO 11 (S) (The Oak Tree Syndicate) J Akehurst 5-10-10 L Harvey –
8 511F-5 WANDERWEG 34 (BF,S) (J Fretwell) P Leach 5-10-10 H Davies –
9 5-25U4 POWER HAPPY 11 (F) (Mrs S Moss) F Yardley 8-10-6 B Clifford 57
10 F332-5 TAREESH 13 (G) (Quicksilver Racing Partnership) K Bailey 6-10-6 N Williamson –

BETTING: 2-1 Hillwalk, 5-2 The Glow, 5-1 Hurricane Blake, 6-1 Wanderweg, 8-1 Tareesh, 12-1 Legal Beagle, 25-1 others

1992: MIDNIGHT CALLER 6-10-11 J Osborne (15-1) S Sherwood 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

HILLWALK beat Unholy Alliance (winner yesterday) 20l in an 11-runner novice chase over course and distance (good) with POWER HAPPY (7lb better off) 21½l 4th and VIAGGIO unseated rider 1st. FLYING FINISH 10l 2nd of 12 to Tammy's Friend in a maiden chase at Plumpton (2m 2f, soft). LEGAL BEAGLE beat Mr Gossip neck in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good) in February last year. HURRICANE BLAKE 15l 3rd of 7 to Ashszylad in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good) with LEGAL BEAGLE unseated rider 10th. THE GLOW 14l 3rd of 9 to Ghia Gneuiagh in Ascot novice chase (2m 3f 110yd, good). WANDERWEG 28l 5th of 8 to Festival Dreams in a novice chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). TAREESH 28l 5th of 10 to Old Brig in a novice chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good).
Selection: HILLWALK (nap)

2.20 MASTERDRIVE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,655: 3m) (8 runners)

1 11-422 SMARTIE EXPRESS 6 (BF,F,G,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 11-12-0 G McCourt [TR]
2 116-50 MR JAMBOREE 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 7-11-13 D Murphy 94
3 2FP3-2 OBIE'S TRAIN 13 (B,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 7-11-6 R Dunwoody 93
4 /3P0-P SHEEPHAVEN 13 (D,G) (A Wates) T Etherington 9-11-1 G McCourt 84
5 513P-3 SHASTON 9 (B,F,G,S) (Kavanagh Roofing Southern Ltd) W G M Turner 8-10-10 P Holley 98
6 311341 TOUCHING STAR 48 (D,F,G) (P Hobbs) P Hobbs 8-10-4 M Hourigan 97
7 2235-1 UNDER OFFER 11 (B,CD,G,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 12-10-2 M Fitzgerald 97
8 2-211F SANDAIG 15 (B,D,BF,G) (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 7-10-0 N Williamson 93

BETTING: 7-2 Obie's Train, 9-2 Shaston, 5-1 Under Offer, 6-1 Sandaig, 7-1 Smartie Express, 8-1 Touching Star, Mr Jamboree, 12-1 Sheephaven.

1992: AVONBURN 8-11-6 M Richards (7-1) P Hedger 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

SMARTIE EXPRESS 10l 2nd of 7 to Thatcher Rock in a handicap chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). OBIE'S TRAIN 5l 2nd of 7 to Naughty Nicky in a handicap chase at Taunton (3m, good to firm). SHASTON 30l 3rd of 8 to Purbeck Dove in a handicap chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, good). TOUCHING STAR beat Tipp Mariner 1½l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good). UNDER OFFER beat Channels Gate head in a 3-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good). SANDAIG beat Cwm Arctic 4l in a 9-runner novice handicap chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: OBIE'S TRAIN

2.50 WHITE HART CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,005: 2m) (9 runners)

1 360-23 MONDAY CLUB 12 (D,F,G) (J Tuck) J Tuck 9-11-10 D Meade (5) 98
2 5500-4 KAHER 14 (D,F,G) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 T Jenks 96
3 44P03- MAD CASANOVA 16F (B,G,S) (M Marchant) R O'Sullivan 8-11-5 D O'Sullivan 92
4 313-22 SOLEIL DANCER 11 (CD,S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 5-11-3 D Forth (3) 98
5 2326-5 MISTER ODDY 11 (D,G) (Mrs R Hill) J King 7-10-13 J McCarthy 98
6 10/341 SPRING TO GLORY 41 (D,F,G) (A Byrne) P Hayward 6-10-13 A Procter 94
7 0651-2 ARANY 11 (D,S) (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 6-10-11 P Smith Eccles (5) [TR]
8 2138/P DERISBAY 25 (B,F,G) (Miss J Self) J Bridger 5-10-1 A Dicken –
9 00-033 SANDRO 15 (B,F,G) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 4-10-0 V Slattery 95

Long handicap: Sandro 9-2.

BETTING: 11-4 Spring To Glory, 5-1 Monday Club, Mad Casanova, Soleil Dancer, 6-1 Arany, 8-1 Mister Oddy, 10-1 Kaher, 14-1 Sandro, 20-1 Derisbay.

1992: FRONT PAGE 5-10-8 B Clifford (11-4) J Akehurst 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONDAY CLUB 6l 3rd of 11 to Kabayil in a handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). MAD CASANOVA 6l 3rd of 8 to Easy Buck in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good to firm). SOLEIL DANCER 6l 2nd of 10 to Easthorpe in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with MISTER ODDY (5lb better off) 28l 5th. SPRING TO GLORY beat Nick The Dreamer ½l in 15-runner Taunton handicap hurdle (2m 3f 110yd, good). ARANY 6l 2nd of 5 to Front Street in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). SANDRO 13l 3rd of 18 to Miss Marigold in Uttoxeter claiming hurdle (2m, good) penultimate start.
Selection: MONDAY CLUB

3.20 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,127: 2m 6f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 12-431 MENEBUCK 15 (D,F,G) (Lady S Clutton) Lady Herries 7-11-10 E Murphy 91
2 3R34P- GHOFAR 237 (B,F,G,S) (Sir H Dundas) D Elsworth 10-11-6 P Holley 80
3 1-6224 CHILD OF THE MIST 25 (G,S) (J Whyte) John Whyte 7-10-11 A Maguire 94
4 F21FF- WICK POUND 188 (B,D,G,S) (K Britten) J Old 7-10-10 T Grantham 90
5 -21355 STORM DRUM 27 (F,S) (Mrs S Ferguson) K Bailey 4-10-7 N Williamson 94
6 0124-4 SUPER RITCHART 9 (BF,G,S) (The Gadon Associates) B Palling 5-10-3 J Osborne 90
7 F125P- DUNCAN IDAHO 249 (D,G,S) (R Callow) R Callow 10-10-2 M Fitzgerald 96
8 3/4202 NICK THE DREAMER 15 (F,G,S) (A Holbrook) W Turner 8-10-2 R Dunwoody 92
9 64-R61 HUGLI 48 (B,F,G) (Viscountess Boyne) S Sherwood 6-10-1 M Richards 89
10 132/61 DARK HONEY 9 (G,S) (R Sayer) S Dow 8-10-1 (6ex) A Dicken (5) [TR]
11 00/156 MEDITATOR 12 (D,G,S) (Miss J Doyle) Miss J Doyle 9-10-0 S Curran (5) 98
12 3/3U-1 BEYOND OUR REACH 11 (CD,G) (Hunt & Co Ltd) R Hodges 5-10-0 D Bridgwater 83
13 12430- HAPPY HORSE 210 (D,S) (Major I Manning) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-10-0 A Tory 79
14 0P46/0 FLUTTER MONEY 21 (B,S) (J Kirby) J Kirby 9-10-0 G Upton –

Long handicap: Meditator 9-13, Beyond Our Reach 9-11, Happy Horse 9-1, Flutter Money 7-13.

BETTING: 6-1 Menebuck, 8-1 Wick Pound, Super Ritchart, Beyond Our Reach, 9-1 Hugli, 10-1 Ghofar, Child Of The Mist, Storm Drum, Dark Honey, Meditator, 14-1 Duncan Idaho, Nick The Dreamer, 20-1 others.

1992: STAUNCH RIVAL 5-11-0 D Bridgwater (11-10 fav) G Thorner 8 ran.

FORM FOCUS

MENEBUCK beat NICK THE DREAMER (2lb better off) ¾l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, firm). CHILD OF THE MIST 1½l 2nd of 7 to Nahar in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. STORM DRUM 26½l 5th of 8 to Kano Warrior in handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good to firm). HUGLI beat Carpet Capers 20l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Ludlow (3m 1f 110yd, good). DARK HONEY beat Mr Flens a distance in 6-runner Leicester handicap hurdle (2m 4f 110yd, soft) with SUPER RITCHART (6lb better off) tailed off 4th. MEDITATOR 14l 6th of 15 to Fairfields Cone in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good). BEYOND OUR REACH beat Forest Feather 5l in an 11-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good).
Selection: HUGLI

WORDWATCHING

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ERUCTATION

(b) A belching forth, the action of voiding wind from the stomach through the mouth, from the Latin *eructare*. Can be applied, as by Virgil, to the eruption of a volcano, or to the eruption of rashly consumed foodstuffs or gases from the human alimentary tract; Evelyn: "Cabbage is greatly accus'd for lying undigested in the Stomack and provoking Eructations."

DEVANAGARI

(a) The distinctive name of the formal alphabet in which, throughout northern, western and central India, Kashmir and Nepal, the Sanskrit has, for some centuries, been written, as are also the vernacular languages of those regions. From the Sanskrit *deva* a god + *Nagari* an earlier or more general appellation of the same alphabet. *The Times*, 1876: "His alphabet was founded on the Devanagari, which he accommodated to the needs of the Tibetan tongue."

FARRAGINOUS

(a) Miscellaneous, indiscriminate, hotchpotch, also of a person, from the Latin *farrago* mixed fodder for cattle, hence figuratively a medley or confused mixture: "The great farraginous mixture of Popish rites and ceremonies."

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(b) An open drain to let water run off, of obscure origin, perhaps identical with the Scottish *gall*: "In every variety of soil ploughed for winter, care should be taken to have plenty of channels or gaws or grips, as they are usually termed, so as the surface water may find them at every point by which to escape. The precaution of gaw-cutting should never be neglected."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Nxe5! wins a clear pawn, as 1 ... Rxc3 allows 2 Nxd7+.

Exit Taylor, pursued by Swedes and turnips

Simon Barnes says the expectations of the nation have made the task of managing the England football team a mission impossible

And so Graham Taylor has failed to emerge from the room with the loaded revolver in the bureau drawer. It was only to be expected. He will be buried under the epitaph: "He was a decent man, really. As turnips go."

A decent man, renowned for his love of Alan Smith and of the sound of his own voice: a man who did his best. He was a widely respected man, once, but that is going back a few years. Three years as England manager is all you need to lose your reputation, your self-respect and your youthful looks.

The fact of the matter is that managing England has become an impossible job. Managing a football team is an odd business in any case. No manager is master of his own destiny. His job stands or falls by the incipient yips of his striker, the volatile temperament of his playmaker, the foul temper of his stopper, the nerve under the high ball of his goalie. He is forever the plaything of the cruciate ligaments and groin strains of outrageous fortune. A referee's momentary blindness, a linesman's fit of flag-happiness can change the course of his life.

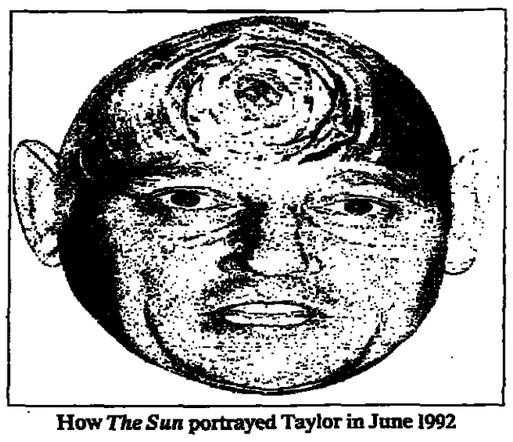
But this iron rule becomes adamantine for national team managers: in particular, for the England team manager. The England team selectors, in those far-off days before the job of manager was invented, had the ultimate good job: power without responsibility. These days, the England manager has the worst: responsibility without power.

He must operate in a system that is not merely neutral: it is actively hostile to the performance of his duties. Club football is genuinely opposed to the interests of the England team — the Welsh, Irish and Scottish teams as well, for that matter. Parochial self-interest rules English football.

But it is the expectation of the nation that makes the job impossible. Every quadrennium in which England fail to become World Cup champions is a national disaster. England *ought* to be the best in the world: this is the absurd national belief and it is reflected in the absurd media coverage of English international football.

Bobby Robson was hugely diminished by the job. He aged vividly before our eyes. He was given news acreage and hourage that a prime minister would envy. The tabloids competed for the best dismissive headline: In The Name Of Allah, Go. It was a dreadful business: impossible to live through — and Robson was a *success*. He took England to the World Cup semi-finals; his playmaker's volatile temperament turned up trumps.

If success could not rescue Robson from vilification, what chance had Taylor? For Taylor failed every crucial test. *The Sun*, in a fit of tabloid dementia akin to genius, greeted the defeat by Sweden in the European championship a year ago, with that fateful headline:



How *The Sun* portrayed Taylor in June 1992

Swedes 2, Turnips 1. Taylor has been pursued by vegetables ever since.

The strain was too much for him. It is too much for virtually anybody. This has become the ultimately undoable job. Which of us could do our jobs if a legion of highly-paid professional cynics was watching our every move, analysed every decision, photographed every agonising stage of decision-making, quoted every word we said?

It is not surprising that Taylor cracked, having a mad rant at his critics before the disastrous match in Rotterdam. It is not even surprising that he had previously alienated a nation's sympathy by substituting Gary Lineker, a national love object, in his final match, with the ever-glorious Alan Smith.

I feel sorry for Graham Taylor, even if he never was quite up to the job, for this is a worse job than being the captain of the England cricket team: at least a cricket captain can make a gallant century in a losing cause.

The England managership is a pinless grenade. Anybody who takes it on can expect to be cruelly diminished, to age visibly, to become a national laughing stock and the butt of a million jokes — *even if he wins*. Alas poor Turnip.

Manager who led England's football team into blind alley ends his reign

Games that mattered exposed his frailties

BY KEITH PIKE

THE team Graham Taylor inherited from Bobby Robson was, it could be argued, among the top four in the world. Only missed penalties by Pearce and Waddle had cost England a place in the 1990 World Cup final. Forty months, 38 matches and 59 players later, the team he bequeathed yesterday is not among the 24 that will contest the global crown in the United States next year. England's recession has been acute.

Taylor has said that his record compares favourably with his predecessors, but the truth is that, of the matches that mattered and against the leading opposition, England won precious few.

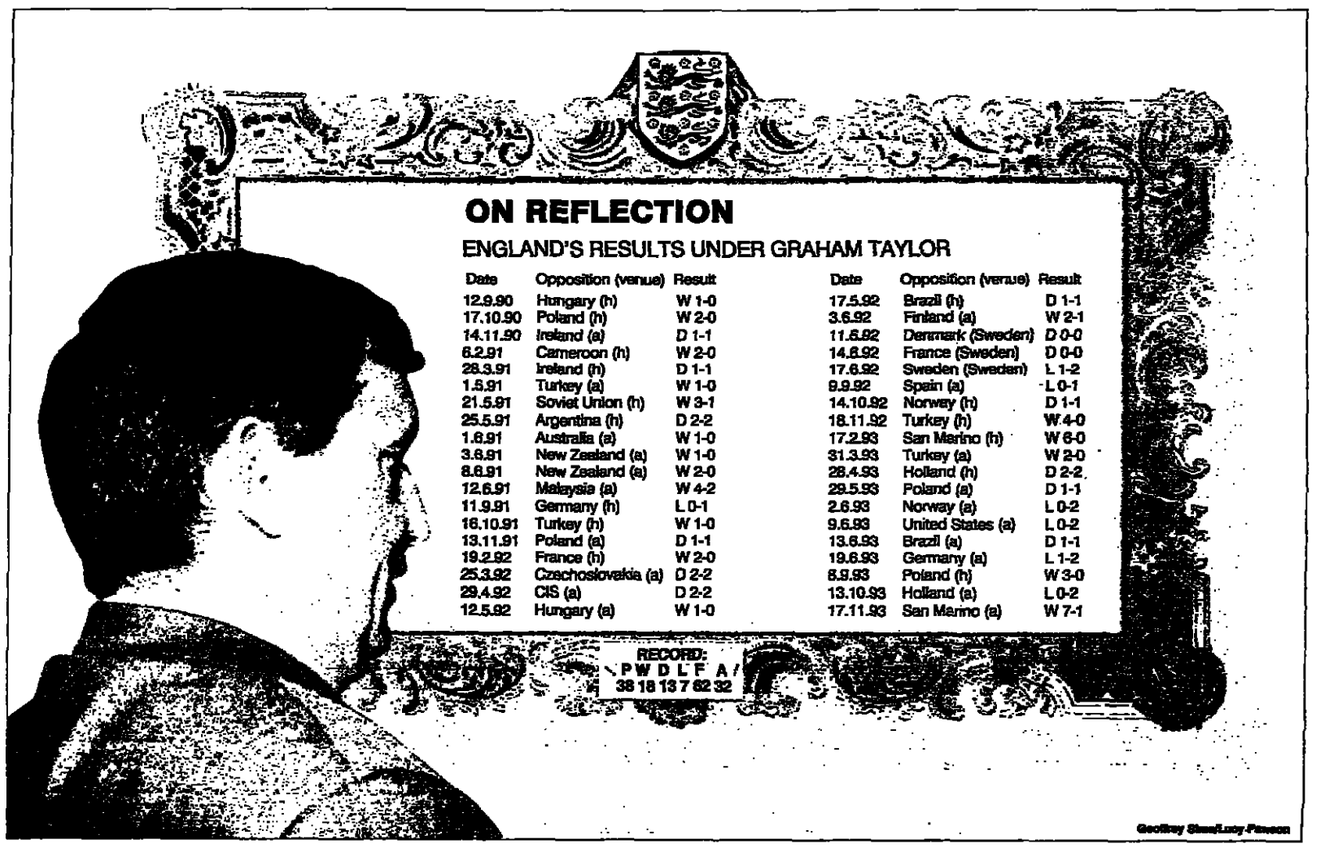
His honeymoon period lasted one day short of a year. From his opening game, when Gary Lineker secured a 1-0 victory over Hungary at Wembley on September 12, 1990, to his thirteenth, when Germany, the world champions, won by the same score at the same venue, England had not tasted defeat. In that time, they had also made a reasonable start to their qualifying campaign for the 1992 European championship finals in Sweden.

But by then Taylor's first questionable, inconsistent team selections had already attracted criticism. The team for his second game in charge, a 2-0 victory over Poland in a European championship qualifying match, had been unchanged, but it was the only time throughout his reign that this was to be the case and for the next qualifying match, against Ireland in Dublin, Paul Gascoigne, England's most inventive player, was dropped, to be replaced not by a midfield "workhorse" but by another, less gifted playmaker in Gordon Cowans.

Within 12 months, Taylor had tried three dozen players: unbeaten England might have been, but uncertainty was obvious. Beardsley had already been prematurely discarded and Waddle was to play only one more game for his country.

Lineker's goal in Poznan, which guaranteed England's place in Sweden, victory over France at Wembley and a draw against Brazil partly restored Taylor's reputation, but it was only a temporary reprieve. Injuries to John Barnes and Mark Wright disrupted his plans before the European championship finals and, in retrospect, the goalless draw against Denmark, the eventual winners, in the opening game was reasonable. But a tame performance and another goalless draw against France had the knives out.

They were to be sharpened three days later as England bowed out of the competition in disarray. Ahead against Sweden, they lost the match and finished with Lineker, their captain and inspiration, disconsolate on the sidelines. Scorer of 13 goals under Taylor and needing one more to equal Bobby Charlton's record, he had been replaced, bizarrely, by Alan Smith. It was to be his final game for England and Taylor's decision was to be frequently thrown back at him.



Date	Opposition (venue)	Result	Date	Opposition (venue)	Result
12.9.90	Hungary (h)	W 1-0	17.5.92	Brazil (h)	D 1-1
17.10.90	Poland (h)	W 2-0	3.6.92	Finland (a)	W 2-1
14.11.90	Ireland (a)	D 1-1	11.6.92	Denmark (Sweden)	D 0-0
6.2.91	Cameroon (h)	W 2-0	14.6.92	France (Sweden)	D 0-0
28.3.91	Ireland (h)	D 1-1	17.6.92	Sweden (Sweden)	L 1-2
1.5.91	Turkey (a)	W 1-0	9.9.92	Spain (a)	L 0-1
21.5.91	Soviet Union (h)	W 3-1	14.10.92	Norway (h)	D 1-1
25.5.91	Argentina (h)	D 2-2	18.11.92	Turkey (h)	W 4-0
1.6.91	Australia (a)	W 1-0	17.2.93	San Marino (h)	W 6-0
3.6.91	New Zealand (a)	W 1-0	31.3.93	Turkey (a)	W 2-0
8.6.91	New Zealand (a)	W 2-0	28.4.93	Holland (h)	D 2-2
12.6.91	Malaysia (a)	W 4-2	29.5.93	Poland (a)	D 1-1
11.9.91	Germany (h)	L 0-1	2.6.93	Norway (a)	L 0-2
16.10.91	Turkey (h)	W 1-0	9.6.93	United States (a)	L 0-2
13.11.91	Poland (a)	D 1-1	13.6.93	Brazil (a)	D 1-1
19.2.92	France (h)	W 2-0	19.6.93	Germany (a)	L 1-2
25.3.92	Czechoslovakia (a)	D 2-2	8.9.93	Poland (h)	W 3-0
29.4.92	CIS (a)	D 2-2	13.10.93	Holland (a)	L 0-2
12.5.92	Hungary (a)	W 1-0	17.11.93	San Marino (a)	W 7-1

Geoffrey Dean/Lucy Pawson

England warmed up for their World Cup campaign with a dreadful display against Spain in Santander and dropped a qualifying point against Norway at Wembley, but with David Platt assuming Lineker's goalscoring mantle, comprehensive victories over Turkey and San Marino and a 2-0 win in Izmir, meant that England approached the critical game against Holland at Wembley in April in good heart. Goals by Platt and Barnes put them 2-0 ahead, but then Bergkamp's reply and Walker's concession of a late penalty allowed the Dutch to escape with a draw.

Worse was to follow. A performance even Taylor likened to that of "headless chickens" in Chorzow saw England get a fortuitous 1-1 draw against Poland thanks to a long overdue goal by Ian Wright. Four days later, another much-changed side, clearly at odds with Taylor's tactics, went down 2-0 to Norway in Oslo.

Further humiliation came quickly. The US Cup, a tournament that was supposed to have been an exercise in acclimatisation for the World Cup finals, began with a 2-0 defeat against the United States in Boston that even an honourable draw against Brazil and an unlucky defeat against Germany could not overshadow. It was the beginning of the end for Taylor.

A 3-0 victory in the World Cup return match against Poland gave England hope that all might not be lost. But when Holland beat them 2-0 in Rotterdam the game was as good as up, despite victory against San Marino. Yesterday, Taylor admitted his responsibility.

TAYLOR'S SELECTIONS

Appearances in brackets

Goalkeepers

T Flowers (1), N Martyn (3), D Seaman (9), C Woods (27).

Defenders

T Adams (11), D Bardsley (2), E Barrett (3), G Charles (2), K Cunle (3), L Dixon (20), T Dorigo (11), R Jones (2), M Keown (11), G Mabbutt (3), G Pallister (10), P Parker (7), S Pearce (25), G Stevens (5), D Walker (34), N Winterburn (1), M Wright (13).

Midfielders

D Batty (14), G Cowans (1), P Gascoigne (10), A Gray (1), S Hodge (2), P Ince (12), S McMahon (1), C Palmer (18), D Platt (34), S Ripley (1), B Robson (3), D Rocastle (3), L Sharpe (8), A Sinton (12), T Steven (7), P Stewart (3), G Thomas (9), C Waddle (3), N Webb (6), D Wise (5).

Forwards

J Barnes (15), P Beardsley (4), S Bull (2), N Clough (13), T Daley (7), B Deane (3), L Ferdinand (6), M Hateley (1), D Hirst (3), G Lineker (22), P Merson (13), J Salako (5), A Shearer (7), T Sheringham (2), A Smith (9), M Walters (1), D White (1), I Wright (16).

Decent man who accepted price of failure

BY JOHN GOODBODY

GRAHAM Taylor was a decent man whose lack of success cost him his job as England team manager and brought him national ridicule. He knew from the experiences of his predecessor, Bobby Robson, that in managing the national team in the national game, every move would be criticised and that when England failed to qualify for the finals of the 1994 World Cup, he would be forced to resign. Otherwise, he would eventually be sacked.

Taylor accepted how the media would treat him. When he was appointed in July 1990, he said: "People say there is a lot of 'stick' that goes with the job, but I am ready for that. I will not shirk from taking the praise if I succeed, so I will take the flak if I do not."

He had always been involved with the press and football because his father, Tom, was a journalist who covered Scunthorpe United. Born in Worksop in 1944, Graham would probably have been head boy of Scunthorpe Grammar School, but he had signed for Grimsby Town, for whom he made 189 League appearances. He later played 150 times for Lincoln City before a hip injury ended his career.

However, Taylor already had qualifications for being a manager. He was the youngest person, at the age of 21, to receive a full Football Association coaching badge. In 1972, at the age of 28, he was appointed manager of Lincoln, the youngest at the time in the League.

He led Lincoln to the fourth division title and then guided Watford from the fourth division to second place in the first and to the 1984 FA Cup final. Taylor then took Aston Villa from the second division to second place in the first division in 1990.

His wife, Rita, and two adult daughters have always been supportive as he has been incessantly involved in football. He was successively manager of the England Youth, under-20 and B teams before succeeding Robson. His next move is not so obvious.

Norwich given spur to further progress

NORWICH banked £1.5 million yesterday, which could be merely a down payment on the rewards to come if, weather permitting, they can pull off another Uefa Cup surprise against Internazionale tonight.

Prospects for the first leg of the third-round game tie at Carrow Road depend on the severity of the overnight frost. The pitch is open to the weather because Norwich complied with Uefa regulations and cleared the snow from it, in case the Italians insisted on training.

If the pitch fails to pass the inspection of the Swiss referee this morning, the game will be rescheduled for Thursday evening. If conditions do not permit it to be played then, it could be off until the new year.

"Inter Milan have already advised us that they couldn't play until after Christmas," the Norwich chairman, Robert Chase, said. In that case, the second leg in Italy on December 8 might become the first.

Despite the wintery conditions, there was no gloom around Carrow Road yesterday as the club celebrated its biggest kit sponsorship deal, Mitre Sports International, of Huddersfield, signing up for four years. On top of the basic £1.5 million, the club can make another £5 million from performance-related payments in Europe and at home.

"It's a bit ambitious to think we could earn all that, but if we do as well in the next four years as we have in the last we are looking at around an extra £1 million," Chase said.

All hinges on overcoming an Italian side that cost £40 million to put together. Although the Norwich manager, Mike Walker, insists the players who saw off Bayern Munich so convincingly have nothing to fear, he has plenty of respect for Osvaldo Bagnoli's side.

"It's not the big names that concern me, more the supporting cast," he said. "We know all about Bergkamp and Sosa, but if they have off days, they have other players who can punish us as well."

Bagnoli, whose team have lost their last three matches, admires the Norwich style. "They are not a typical English side," he said.

Adams expected to return for Arsenal

TONY Adams is expected to return for Arsenal in the London derby at West Ham United tonight. The England defender has recovered from the virus that kept him out of Arsenal's last two matches and England's World Cup qualifying match against San Marino in Bologna.

The West Ham manager, Billy Bonds, will give late fitness tests to three players. David Burrows and Alvin Martin both have Achilles tendon trouble and the midfield player, Ian Bishop, has an ankle injury.

The Tottenham Hotspur striker, Nick Barmby, has recovered from an ankle injury and will take his place in the team against Wimbledon at White Hart Lane. Barmby was carried off on a stretcher during the 1-1 draw with Leeds on Saturday but X-rays revealed only severe bruising. However, Teddy Sheringham, the striker, and the midfield player, Jason Dozzell, are again ruled out with knee injuries while David Kerslake has flu after recovering from a fractured wrist that kept the full back out of the last four games.

The Wimbledon left back, Alan Kimble, will have a fitness test on damaged ankle ligaments. Wimbledon need a victory after slipping down the table with just one win in their last seven Premiership outings.

The Sheffield Wednesday left back, Phil King, has resigned from the club. After completing a month's loan at Notts County, he has cancelled his week-to-week contract with Trevor Francis's team. King cost Wednesday £400,000 when he moved from Swindon Town four years ago.

Roy Keane is expected to return for the Premiership leaders, Manchester United, against Ipswich Town at Old Trafford. Keane, who missed Saturday's win over Wimbledon with a blood vessel problem, is likely to take over from Bryan Robson, who has a hamstring injury. Ryan Giggs could be on the substitutes' bench for the third time in succession.

Ipswich expect to have their captain, David Linighan, back after a knee injury, while the goalkeeper, Craig Forrest, is fit after a knee problem.

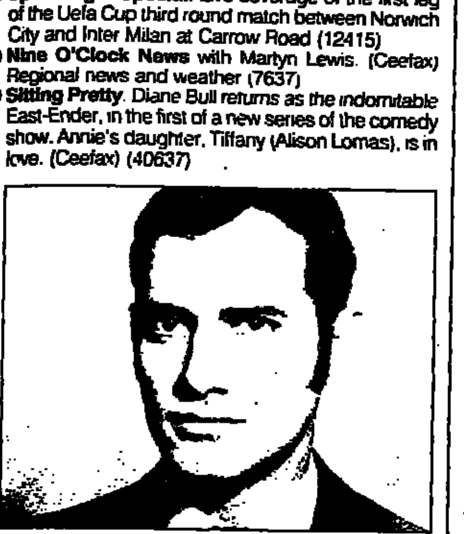


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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (71231)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (52571811)
9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9019637)
9.45 Newshound. Current affairs quiz with Ross King (s) (1461279)
10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3808786) **10.05 Playdays** at the Roundabout Stop (r) (s) (6212328)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Daily magazine series with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (78321724)
12.15 Pebble Mill Lunchtime entertainment with Ross King (s) (2257892) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (76294724)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (24250)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (42126811)
1.50 XYZ. General knowledge quiz (42137927)
2.15 Snooker. David Vine introduces coverage of the UK Championship from the Guild Hall, in Preston (s) (785724)
3.45 Children's BBC: Spider (r) (s) (7863521) **3.50 Pingu** (7122827) **3.55 Harum Scarum** with Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig (s) (7850057) **4.05 Rude Dog and the Dweebs.** Canine capers (r) (1503705) **4.20 Mortimer and Arabel.** Puppet fun (s) (1524298) **4.35 Artifax.** In the first of a new series, Margot Wilson and Helen Fort report on the world of design. With artist David Knopov (s) (1302279) **5.00 Newsround** (1214618) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Drama series set in a comprehensive school (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2813811)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (478873). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (347)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (927). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Sportsnight Special. Live coverage of the first leg of the Uefa Cup third round match between Norwich City and Inter Milan at Carrow Road (12415)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7637)
9.30 Sitting Pretty. Diane Bull returns as the indomitable East-Ender, in the first of a new series of the comedy show. Annie's daughter, Tiffany (Alison Lomas), is in love. (Ceefax) (40637)


Baruch Cohen, Israel's top agent (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **States of Terror.** Israel's response to terrorism. (Ceefax) (231724)
10.50 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Includes snooker: quarter-final action from Preston's Guild Hall; Motor Sport: a report on the final stages of the RAC Rally; Rugby Union: a preview of Saturday's match between England and New Zealand; Football, a roundup of the latest action in the Premier League (6053231)
12.00 FILM: Riddle of the Stinson (1988). An inspiring, fact-based drama about a farmer's attempt to rescue the survivors of a plane crash. Starring Jack Thompson, Helen O'Connor and Norman Kaye. Directed by Chris Noonan (916125)
1.35am Weather (3268477). Ends at **1.40**
2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (480583); **3.15-3.45** Legal Network Television (67274); **4.00** TV Edits — French 2 TV4 (5863496); **4.45-5.15** ATV Promo 5 (56670); **5.45** Business Monthly (1574354)

BBC2

6.55 FILM: Dangerous Corner (1935, b/w) Melvyn Douglas and Conrad Nagel star in a film adaptation of J B. Priestley's play about a group of people who make a series of damaging confessions. Directed by Phil Rosen (5595778)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (9346076)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4546146)
9.00 Soviet 1929-1933 (7536960)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including, for children: **1.20 Brum** (87654279) and **1.30 Joshua Jones** (61320786)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (90027231) **2.05 Storytime** (s) (14988231)
2.15 Portraits from on High A retired farmer talks about her life in the Haute-Savoie mountains of France. In French with English subtitles (87176705)
2.35 CountryFile with John Craven (r) (s) (8827778)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4453637) **3.05 Westminster Live** (9810927) **3.50 News** (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (7859328)
4.00 Snooker Coverage of the UK Championship from Preston's Guild Hall (s) (1095)
6.00 Star Trek: Spectre of the Gun. The rulers of a hostile planet sentence Captain Kirk (William Shatner) to death (r). (Ceefax) (855250)
6.50 Def II: Rough Guide to the Americas. Magenta De Vine and Rajan Datar travel to the island of Puerto Rico, where they visit the world's largest telescopic observatory. (Ceefax) (s) (514786)
7.30 Top Gear Rally Report. Steve Lee introduces live coverage from the finish of the RAC Rally in Birmingham's Centenary Square (453)
8.00 CHOICE **Unusual Transactions: Polly Peck's Missing Millions** (6637)
9.00 Seinfeld. Comedy series starring America's Jerry Seinfeld. (Ceefax) (691144)


Relations cool for Redgrave, Andrews (9.25pm)

9.25 The Buddha of Suburbia. The final episode of Hanif Kureishi's comic tale of political and sexual initiation. Karim (Naveen Andrews) becomes a star and travels to New York, but has to be rescued by Charlie. He returns to London and finds himself reflecting on his past, and his future. With Roshan Seth and Jemma Redgrave. (Ceefax) (s) (443415)
10.25 The House That Time Forgot. The story of 7 Blyth Grove, a semi-detached house in Worksop owned by the National Trust (r) (515705)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (194989)
11.15 The Late Show. Tracey Macleod presents the arts and media magazine (s) (247705). **Northern Ireland:** The Hungry Eye
11.55 Weather (962892)
12.00 Snooker. Further coverage of the quarter-finals of the UK Championship from Preston's Guild Hall (s) (918458). Ends at **1.50am**
2.00-4.00 Night School: PHSE Night (53212)

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CHOICE

States of Terror
BBC1, 10.00pm

In September 1972 the Palestinian group Black September killed 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics. Peter Taylor's second film in his valuable series on international terrorism charts the Israeli response. It was uncompromising. In a series of shootings and bombings, many of them in Europe, ten prominent Palestinians were assassinated within the year. The biggest Israeli prize was Ali Hassan Salameh, the man thought to be behind the Munich massacre. But Taylor argues that Salameh's killing in Beirut in 1979 may have set back hopes of an Israeli-Palestinian peace for a decade. Indeed the film is generally critical of Israeli's "eye for an eye" policy and sympathetic to the Palestinian cause.


Polly Peck's former chairman Asil Nadir (8.00pm)

Unusual Transactions: Polly Peck's Missing Millions
BBC2, 8.00pm

Because of legal sensitivities and last-minute updating, it has been impossible to preview this *Money Programme* special on the Polly Peck saga. But *it promises to be one of the most detailed accounts yet* of that sorry episode. Once a high-flying multinational company, Polly Peck crashed in 1990. Nearly £2 billion of shareholders' and creditors' money disappeared. Amid allegations of fraud, the company's former chairman, Asil Nadir, fled to Turkish Cyprus. *The Money Programme* has been working on the story ever since the administrators moved in. It follows the hunt for the missing money and portrays a company where financial controls were ignored and directors were unaware of what was going on.

Crime Story: The Lady's Man — Archibald Hall
ITV, 9.00pm

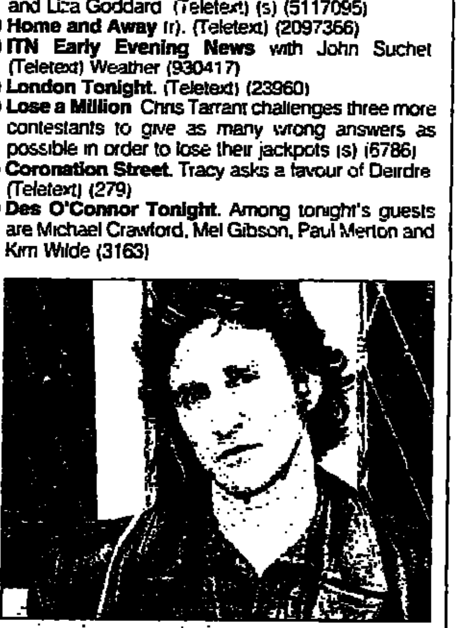
Played by John Shrapnel, Archibald Hall was a conman who played the perfect English butler at a succession of stately homes and relieved the owners of their valuables. This fact-based drama catches up with him in 1977 when he has just ingratiated himself with Lady Peggy Hudson in her ample pile on the Scottish Borders. The twist this time is that he so likes the job that he almost decides to go straight. But this worthy purpose is fatally deflected by the arrival of an old prison chum (Mark McGann). It is an unedifying tale and not the obvious choice for peak-time entertainment. But you cannot help admiring Shrapnel's masterly study of a man who could be fawning one moment and psychopathic the next.

Travelog
Channel 4, 8.30pm

The series for the independent traveller on a limited budget sends Brenda Emmanus to black New York and Alan Coren to the New Forest. Emmanus is young and feisty, Coren (as readers of this newspapers will expect) mature and witty. Neither, probably, would find a place on the BBC's *Holiday*. Emmanus's film is a celebration of Afro-Caribbean culture. But you wonder whether a limited budget would stretch to a restaurant frequented by the likes of Denzel Washington. Coren's well-turned essay manages to encompass William the Conqueror and the creator of Sherlock Holmes, and the annual corralling and branding of wild ponies. **Peter Waymark**

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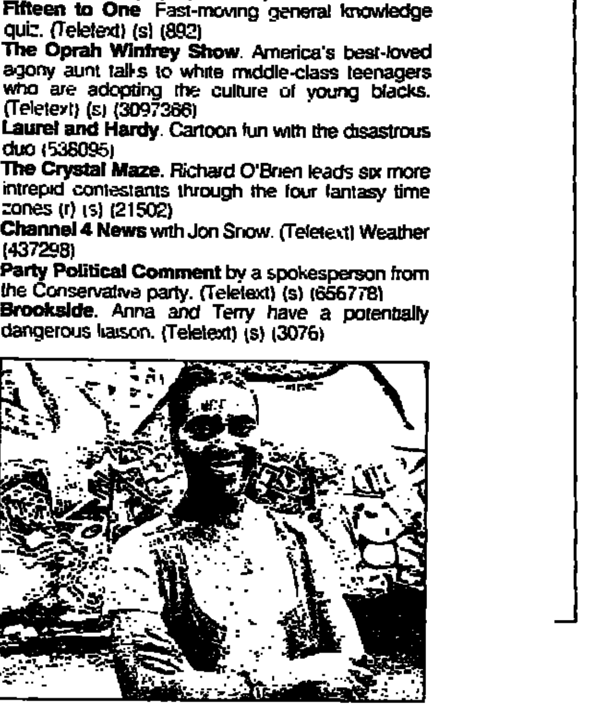
6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Lorraine Kelly (8892724)
9.00 Top of the Morning including a mother and baby feature (8892724)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Game show set in a supermarket with Dale Winton (s) (7564873) **9.55 London Today** (6221076)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place John Stapleton chairs a topical debate (s) (3338298)
10.35 This Morning. Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the daily magazine programme. Loyd Grossman samples more traditional Scottish fare (78315163) **12.20 London Today** (7129618)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9150540)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (9135231)
1.25 Home and Away Australian family drama series. (Teletext) (30411989)
1.55 A Country Practice. Medical drama. Cookie loses his baby niece (s) (42121366)
2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show. Does age matter in a relationship? (s) (59743231)
2.50 The Young Doctors Drama with the Australian medics (7299892) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (4460927) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4469298)
3.30 Children's ITV: Alphabet Castle. A guide to the alphabet (s) (2409279) **3.40 Wizadora.** Puppet fun (7880298) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** Animated toys (s) (2403095) **4.05 Avenger Penguins** Cartoon (4972304) **4.30 Cartoon** (8743347) **4.40 Woof!** Rex is dreading school camp. With Lionel Jeffries and Liza Goddard (Teletext) (s) (5117095)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2097366)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (930417)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (23960)
7.00 Lose a Million Chris Tarrant challenges three more contestants to give as many wrong answers as possible in order to lose their jackpots (s) (6786)
7.30 Coronation Street. Tracy asks a favour of Deirdre (Teletext) (279)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Among tonight's guests are Michael Crawford, Mel Gibson, Paul Merton and Kim Wilde (3163)


Mark McGann exposes a conman (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Crime Story: The Lady's Man — Archibald Hall.** (Teletext) (s) (3927)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (80796) **10.30 London Tonight.** (Teletext) Weather (945705)
10.40 The Champions League. Highlights and news from the first set of matches in the Champions League of the European Cup. Includes Galatasaray v Barcelona, Monaco v Spartak Moscow, AC Milan v Werder Bremen and Anderlecht v Porto (216540)
11.40 FILM: Call to Glory (1983) starring Craig T. Nelson as an American air force colonel facing an important career decision. With Cindy Pickett. Directed by Peter Werner and Arthur Allan Seidelman (554106)
1.30 Hollywood Report (s) (63477)
2.00 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (63038)
3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (42545)
3.00 Entertainment UK (s) (46800)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news (15274)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (90191)
5.30 ITN Morning News (16922). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (1913434) **6.50 The Wombles.** Adventures of the environmentally friendly creatures of Wimbledon Common (r) (2638705)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (14873)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz show hosted by American comedian Bill Cosby (r) (s) (15453)
9.30 Schools. Using Mathematics (5176786) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5199637) **10.02** Science Start Here (6064279) **10.18** Irish Writers (6043786) **10.40** Tectactics (4265453) **10.56** Film and Video Showcase (8427182) **11.07** Time for Maths (7664415) **11.18** Your World (7688095) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (5283182) **11.45** Junior Technology (5288637)
12.00 House to House Parliamentary news (30219)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series, with guest Ziggy Marley (41057)
1.30 The Magic Roundabout (45182) followed by **The Clangers**, **Paddington** and **Ivor the Engine** (r)
2.00 FILM: Tortilla Flat (1942, b/w). Spencer Tracy stars as a Mexican drunk who becomes a folk hero in this screen adaptation of John Steinbeck's irreverent novel about the fishing community of Tortilla Flat in California. With Hedy Lamarr and John Garfield. Directed by Victor Fleming (613892)
3.55 Check Out 93 (r) (s) (3155453)
4.30 Fifteen to One Fast-moving general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (892)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. America's best-loved agony aunt talks to white middle-class teenagers who are adopting the culture of young blacks. (Teletext) (s) (3097366)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon fun with the disastrous duo (538095)
6.00 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads six more intrepid contestants through the four fantasy time zones (r) (s) (21502)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (437298)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a spokesperson from the Conservative party. (Teletext) (s) (656778)
8.00 Brookside. Anna and Terry have a potentially dangerous liaison. (Teletext) (s) (3076)


Brenda Emmanus in black New York (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Travelog** Do-it-yourself holidays. (Teletext) (s) (5811)
9.00 Dispatches. An investigation into the power of the Treasury (800786)
9.45 The Almost Complete History of the 20th Century. An analysis of the role of women in the 20th century, from Eleanor Roosevelt to Margaret Thatcher, and Indira Gandhi to the first human cannonball. (Teletext) (830231)
10.00 The Golden Girls. American cult comedy series. When her class draws post-nuclear pictures, Rose decides to write to President Gorbachev. Starring Betty White (r). (Teletext) (s) (671328)
10.35 Sean's Show. Surreal comedy with Sean Hughes. Bobby the builder presents him with a £7,000 telephone bill (s) (442927)
11.05 Rory Bremner – Who Else? (r) (s) (243989)
11.45 FILM: Restless Natives (1985) starring Joe Mullaney and Vincent Friell as latter-day highwaymen robbing tourist coaches in the Scottish Highlands. With Ned Beatty. Directed by Michael Hoffman (546144). Ends at **1.20am**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Evening Session with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** The Knowledge with Alan Freeman (r) **9.30** Dance Energy **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

Fm Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show incl at **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan incl at **8.40** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Barn Dance **8.30** Harding with a Mike. See Choice **9.00** Nana Mouskouri's Music of Greece **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden incl at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester incl at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Infant Topics; **9.15** Dance Workshop; **9.35** Verse Universe, **9.45** Time and Tune Music Course 2, **10.05** Drama Workshop **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30** Education Matters with Helen Madden **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Hacker by Malone Blackman **7.00** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Development '93 **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** American Icons **8.30** Quote, Unquote **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** Homeward Bound **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** Perfectly Proportioned **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf. *The Master* **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** Images of Britain **3.30** The Voices of America **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Multitrack 2 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Voices of America **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports **3.30** Assignment **4.00** News **4.15** The Farming World

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Tippett (Concerto for double string orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Book Browse **8.00** Evening Concert: Gershwin (An American in Paris), Bernstein (Chichester Psalms) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Tommy Rivers

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Cooking at the Academy (59743231) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (4469298) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2097366) **6.00** Home and Away (800724) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (766927) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (945705) **11.40** The Equalizer (331618) **12.40am** FILM: Burnout (785477) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (63458) **2.45** 60 Minutes (4313854) **3.35** Cue the Music (9316545) **4.30** Riviera (39124729) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (9511318)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm Shortland Street (42121366) **2.20** Gardening Time (59743231) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7299892) **5.10-5.40** Talkabout (2097366) **6.00** Home and Away (800724) **6.25-7.00** Central News (766927) **11.40** Crime International (186250) **12.10am** The Equalizer (4336583) **1.05** Entertainment UK (6248641) **2.05** Stage One (9771274) **3.05** BPM (8990903) **4.05** Central Jobfinder 93 (3730361) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6932695)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Gardening Time (59743231) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (4469298) **6.00** HTV News (415) **6.30-7.00** The Munsters Today (845) **11.40** Night Heat (331618) **12.40am** FILM: Burnout (785477) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (63458) **2.45** 60 Minutes (4313854) **3.35** Cue the Music (9316545) **4.30** Riviera (39124729) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (9511318)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (415) **6.30-7.00** The Gen (845)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.20pm Great House Cookery (59743231) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7299892) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4469298) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Crimestoppers (535908) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (415) **6.30-7.00** Serve You Right (845) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (945705) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (90191)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-12.30 Where the Jobs Are (7137637) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (59743231) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (4469298) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (403811) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (845) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (945705) **10.40** The ITV Panasonic Sports Awards (216540) **11.40** Champions League Highlights (331618) **12.40am** The Equalizer (4353835) **1.35** Hollywood Report (4476309) **2.05** Videofashion (6478545) **2.35** Transworld Sport (3777274) **3.35** Music Box (5509854) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (5062835)

ULSTER

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 UTV Live (6221076) **12.20pm-12.30** UTV Live (7129618) **1.55pm** A Country Practice (42121366) **2.20** Crosswits (59743231) **2.50-2.55** Witness (3527540) **2.55** The Young Doctors (7298163) **2.55-3.20** The Young Doctors (4322368) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (23960) **10.30** UTV Live (945705) **10.40** ITV Sports Awards (216540) **11.40** Champions League Highlights (331618) **12.40am** FILM: Burnout (785477) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (63458) **2.45** 60 Minutes (4313854) **3.35** Cue the Music (9316545) **4.30** Riviera (39124729) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (9511318)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Westcountry Latest (6221076) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (7129618) **1.55** Take The High Road (27937502) **2.25** Westcountry Focus (59742502) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (4322368) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (4469298) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (23960) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (945705) **11.40** The Equalizer (691502) **12.35am** My Story (2360458) **12.40** FILM: Burnout (785477) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (63458) **2.45** 60 Minutes (4313854) **3.35** Cue the Music (9316545) **4.30** Riviera (39124729) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (9511318)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News (6221076) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News (7129618) **2.20-2.50** Great Little Gardens (59743231) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (4469298) **5.55** Calendar (403811) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (845) **10.30** Calendar News (945705) **10.40** ITV Sports Awards (216540) **11.40** Champions League Highlights (331618) **12.40am** The Equalizer (4353835) **1.35** Hollywood Report (4476309) **2.05** Videofashion (6478545) **2.35** Transworld Sport (3777274) **3.35** Music Box (5509854) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (5062835)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (14873) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (15453) **9.30** Schools (509279) **12.00pm** House to House (30219) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (9158182) **12.55** Sesame Street (9132453) **1.55** FILM: The Bitter Tea of General Yen (34098724) **3.30** Check Out '93 (873) **4.00** Slot 23 (4163) **5.00** Gamesmaster (7892) **5.30** Fifteen To One (144) **6.00** Newyddion (981163) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (134328) **6.25** Heno (764569) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4328) **7.30** Dim Ond Celf (521) **8.00** Glan Hafren (3076) **8.30** Newyddion (5811) **9.00** Helen Yn Y Gwaed (1569) **10.00** Brookside (80778) **10.30** Snwcer (12366) **11.00** FILM: True Love (990521) **12.55am** Dispatches (7175361)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50567724) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4182960) **9.10** Cartoons (9693892) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (75347) **10.00** Card Sharks (3105182) **10.25** Concentration (8438892) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8248279) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (60076) **12.00** Urban Peasant (68569) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (79163) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (74618) **2.00** The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald (35892) **3.00** Another World (8424811) **3.45** The D.J. Kat Show (8326182) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2989) **6.00** Games World (2231) **6.30** Paradise Beach (6811) **7.00** Rescue (3618) **7.30** Growing Pains (2095) **8.00** Hunter (58647) **9.00** Picket Fences (13521) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (23908) **11.00** The Kennedy Documentaries (81569) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (49635) **1.00am** Night Court (44962) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (37651)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (8905786) **9.30** Nightline (60279) **10.30** Fashion TV (19057) **11.30** Japan Business Today (56637) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (13873) **1.30** CBS News (14502) **2.30** Parliament Live (90298) **4.30** News and Business Report (9808) **5.00** Live at Five (773892) **7.30** Fashion TV (20298) **9.00** World News (95637) **9.30** Talkback (97569) **10.00** The International Hour (69908) **11.30** CBS News (20231) **12.30am** ABC World News (69748) **1.30** Fashion TV (21361) **2.30** Those Were the Days (51651) **3.30** Talkback (63496) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (74941) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (54106)

SKY MOVIES

6.00 Showcase (6845328)
10.00 Chapter Two (1979): James Caan seeks solace in the arms of Marsha Mason (84608960)
12.10 Mara of the Wilderness (1965): Adam West educates a girl raised by wolves (538637)
2.00pm Under the Yum Yum Tree (1963): Carol Lynley and David Jones try to stay friends. With Jack Lemmon (33360)
4.00 Namu, the Killer Whale (1966): Robert Lansing befriends a killer whale (3331)
6.00 Till There Was You (1991). Deborah Unger and Mark Harmon are captured by a tribe of natives on Vanuatu (76317540)
7.35 Special Feature: Undercover Cops (441540)
8.00 Frankie and Johnny (1991) Michelle Pfeiffer is worn down by Al Pacino's persistence (39569)
10.00 Mobsters (1991). Charlie "Lucky" Luciano's rise in the criminal world (73415)
12.00 Carnal Crimes: Erotic film (466670)
1.40 Father (1991). An elderly man (Max Von Sydow) tries to convince his family that he is not guilty of war crimes (10821903)
3.45 Lambada (1990) Dance teacher J Eddie Peck teaches rich kids by day and ghetto kids by night (908496) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm It Started With Eve (1941) Robert Cummings finds a bride, Deanna Durbin, to show to his dying father (85786)
8.00 Rocky II (1979) Sylvester Stallone tries again for the heavyweight crown (80231)
10.00 Dressed To Kill (1980) Angie Dickinson and Nancy Allen visit the same psychiatrist (350989). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Scarlet Angel (1952). Yvonne De Carlo pretends to be a rich woman (92434)
8.00 The Count of Monte Cristo (1983). Animated version of Dumas's tale (45989)
9.00 Thumbelina: Animated version of the fairy tale (43960)
10.00 On an Island with You (1948): Esther Williams falls in love on Hawaii (71521)
12.00 The King and Four Queens (1956): Clark Gable searches for a rich woman (184705)
1.50pm The Buccaneer (1958): Yul Brynner plays the pirate, Jean Lafitte, who helped the Americans to defeat the British (77667298)
4.00 The Count of Monte Cristo (as 8am) (84521)
5.00 Thumbelina (as 9am) (6927)
6.00 New York Mounted (1991) A rodeo rider joins the police (25368)
8.00 Last Flight Out (1990) James Earl Jones and Richard Crenna decide who flies out of Saigon (20811)
10.00 Double Impact (1991) Jean-Claude Van Damme plays two brothers who seek revenge for their parents' murder (547328)
11.50 Miami Blues (1990): Fred Ward plays a cop who has his gun and badge stolen by a sociopath and a prostitute (561328)

1.30am The Dark Wind (1992): An Indian investigates a plane crash (998144)
3.25 Signs of Life (1989): Workers decide what to do when a boatbuilding yard closes (2287458) Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5709328) **7.15** Prime Bodies (677786) **7.45** Windsurfing (876057) **8.15** Soccer News (3630568) **8.30** Prime Bodies (14347) **9.00** Nations Cup Cricket — Live (4974502) **5.00** NHRA Drag Racing Today (8182) **5.30** Motor World (4618) **6.00** Soccer News (950328) **6.15** Sportsworld (171960) **7.00** FA Cup Football — Live (542144) **10.00** Soccer News (811366) **10.15** Ringside Boxing (110386) **12.15-2.15am** FA Cup Football (550361)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (19366) **8.00** RAC Car Rally from Birmingham (95124) **8.30** Golf: Japanese Tour (76927) **9.30** Figure Skating (11160) **11.00** Eurogoals (95786) **12.00** Eurofun (33960) **1.00pm** RAC Car Rally (99502) **1.30** American Football NFL (12434) **3.00** Gaelic Football (30724) **4.00** Triathlon from Turkey (19331) **5.00** Show Jumping World Cup from Berlin (9057) **6.00** Road to Lillehammer Magazine (9927) **6.30** News (6809) **7.00** Boxing (32502) **8.30** RAC Car Rally (8569) **9.00** Motors Magazine (73927) **10.00** Football European Cups (39095) **12.00** News (92011)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (4845231) **7.30** Neighbours (4864366) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7022908) **8.30** EastEnders (7021279) **9.00** The Bill (7005231) **9.30** Juliet Bravo (2023163) **10.30** The Brothers (5452415) **11.30** Rhoda (9814434) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7025095) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1296892) **1.00** EastEnders (4844502) **1.30** The Bill (1295163) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (8979231) **2.30** Get Some In (9473188) **3.00** Dallas (9818250) **4.00** Dynasty (9804057) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8993811) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5873124) **6.00** Neighbours (8023647) **6.30** EastEnders (3556317) **7.00** Juliet Bravo (9358786) **8.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (8998095) **8.30** Get Some In (8978502) **9.00** A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery: Gaudy Night (9387298) **10.00** The Bill (7026724) **10.30** Cool It (7002144) **11.00** Top of the Pops (1659273) **11.45** Dr Who: Planet of the Daleks (5672811) **12.15** FILM: The Feminine Touch (1941): A jealousy expert becomes jealous (6259854) **1.55-3.00am** Shopping at Night (75443800)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (355705) **9.00** Jack in the Box (32328) **11.00** Stories Without Words (57415) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (58144) **12.00** Fame (88434) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (38144) **3.00** The Care Bears (1119892) **3.25** RatKan II (3284521) **3.30** Ovide and The Gang (8873) **4.00** Clyde (7808) **4.30-5.00** Around the World in 80 Seconds (6892)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (27255) **7.30** Guts (15540) **8.00** Get The Picture (13618) **8.30** Wild Side Show (12989) **9.00** Rabbit Ears: We All Have Tales (36569) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (56811) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (72347) **10.30** The World of David The Gnome (25453) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (31453) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (38417) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears: We All Have Tales (67927) **1.00** The World of David The Gnome (77796) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (66298) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (2144) **2.30** Special Delivery: Nick Jr Story Time (1144) **3.00** Cartoon Kablooey (1279) **3.30** Out Of Control (3989) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (5724) **4.30** Hey Dude (1908) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (6724) **5.30** Get The Picture (5960) **6.00** Guts (2873) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (6453)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Challenge of the Seas (7778750) **4.30** The Arctic (1378714) **5.00** Valhalla (6991453) **5.30** An African Ride (7673106) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5428892) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards (6970095) **7.00** In Search of Wildlife (8988989) **7.30** From Monkeys To Apes (1570083) **8.00** Fire (8997637) **8.30** Anything is Possible (8976144) **9.00** Dinosaur! (9378540) **10.00** Roger Kennedy's Rediscovering America (9388927) **11.00** Waterways (9803328) **11.30-12.00** Earthfile (6716434)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7010163) **12.30pm** FILM: The Broken Horseshoe (1953): A doctor is accused of murder (3948960) **2.00** FILM: Knights of the Round Table (1953): Chivalry with Robert Taylor and Ava Gardner (9371637) **4.00** The Flying Nun (3178796) **4.30** My Three Sons (1273160) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8995279) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (3273340) **6.00** Mr Lucky (6423863) **6.30** Scotland Yard (2728255) **7.00** The Big Valley (9376182) **8.00** FILM: Three Godfathers (1948): Outlaws are left holding the baby (58793207) **9.50** Robert Benchley (1836076) **10.00** The Duke Wore Jeans (5774521) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6703960)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (1757637) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2015873) **8.30** Living Daylights (2014144) **9.00** Divorce Court (2038724) **9.30** Hot Topics (4261811) **10.00** The Treatment (2721502) **10.30** Living Extra (2034908) **11.00** The Home Show (8266960) **11.30** Masterchef (8274989) **12.00** Practical Living (41908279) **12.15pm** Kilroy (8612304) **1.00** Crosswits (2129540) **1.30** Divorce Court (4271298) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2722231) **3.00** Agony Hour (8278705) **4.00** Crosswits (5635163) **4.30** Infatuation (5631347) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (8202076) **6.00** Health UK (5645540) **6.30** Raw Energy (5636892) **7.00** Agony Hour (2195279) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2104927) **9.00** FILM: An Early Frost (1985) Aids drama (2174786) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (6080989) **11.00** Infatuation (8298569) **11.30** The All New Doctor Ruth Show (2727786) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1704545)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Wonder Years (8724) **5.30** Danger Bay (7144) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (4057) **6.30** Catchphrase (6637) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8960) **7.30** All Clued Up (7521) **8.00** Remington Steele (99989) **9.00** Neon Rider (12863) **10.00** WKRP In Cincinnati (59434) **10.30** Bob Newhart Show (68182) **11.00** Newhart (72724) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (44163) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (21477)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (357163) **9.00** Marijne (223124) **12.00** Greatest Hits (80892) **1.00** On Tour (35989) **2.30** The Days of Our Lives: Queen Special (65076) **3.30** Coca Cola Report (1577540) **3.45** At the Movies (1572095) **4.00** News (1007434) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1097057) **4.30** Dial MTV (8250) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (9322) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (53366) **7.00** The Real World II (7618) **7.30** Most Wanted (71584) **9.00** Greatest Hits (12881) **10.00** Coca Cola Report (976892) **10.15** At the Movies (971347) **10.30** News at Night (756873) **10.45** 3 From 1 (751328) **11.00** Post Modern (66160) **1.00** Marijne (75922) **2.00** Night Videos (4012816)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (43908) **6.30** Punjabi News (7868908) **6.45** Gujarati News (5718057) **7.00** Bengali News (73163) **7.30** Hindi News (92298) **8.00** Urdu News (42144) **8.30** News (25863) **9.30** Guldasta (48095) **10.30** Lifestyle (99231) **11.30** Telly Talk (85298) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (45231) **12.30** Taalash (96453) **1.00** Main Nasha Main Hoon (804095) **4.00** Kiddie Time (68521) **5.00-6.00pm** Dedicated to You (1057) **7.00** Showtime (6960) **7.30** Worldline (2637) **8.00** News (754811) **8.15** TVA Special (232231) **9.00** Waqt ki Awaz (476095) **12.05** Five Past Midnight (6071584) **1.00** Rustom-E-Baghdad (9622941) **4.00** Fishaar (11496) **5.00** Manoranjan (98125) **5.30-6.00am** Music (89816)

TNT

7.00pm The Vintage (1957): Two brothers hide in a vineyard (91457724)
8.45 Once a Thief (1965): An ex-con tries to make a new life for himself (11831705)
10.45 Cry of the Hunted (1953). A policeman searches for a prisoner in the Louisiana swamps (35866366)
12.15am Fugitive Lovers (1934, b/w): Robert Montgomery pursues a chorus girl. With the Three Stooges (69855019)
1.50 Hide-Out (1934, b/w). A mobster hides on a farm (93352545)
3.40 Isle of Fury (1936, b/w). A fugitive saves a detective's life. With Humphrey Bogart (17820449) Ends at **5.00am**

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air with Andrew McGregor. Mozart (Piano Concerto No 16 in D, K451); Handel (Two Arias for Wind Band); Martinu (Madrigal Sonata); Telemann (Concerto in B for Two Flutes and Two Oboes), Purcell (O God, Thou art my God); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Panufnik. Concertino: LSO under the composer; Wycinanki, String Quartet No 3 (Chilingirian Quartet): Sinfonia Votiva (Symphony No 8: Boston SO under Seiji Ozawa)
10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Shostakovich (Suite. The Gadfly); Constant Lambert (Brawles, Summer's Last Will and Testament); Bach, arr Webern (Ricercar, Musical Offering); Poulenc (Sonata): Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Rachmaninov (Sacred Concerto); Elgar (Elegy); Ravel (Fascination); Offenbach (Les Larmes de Jacqueline); Bach, arr Busoni (Chaconne); Dvořák (Offertorium, Requiem)
12.00 Ulster Orchestra (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall, live from Broadcasting House, London. Hindemith (Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2); Ligeti (Six Bagatelles); Janacek (Mladi). With the Vega Wind Quintet, Julian Farrell, bass clarinet
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.30 Four Seasons: Series featuring performances by Italian period-instrument groups. Corelli (Trio Sonata in B minor, Op 3 No 4: Ensemble Aurora); Pasquini (Sonata No 6: Attilio Cremonesi and Alessandro de Marchi, harpsichords). Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in F, L'Autumno, RV293: L'Europa Galante with Fabio Biondi, violin)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Manchester Cathedral with organist Christopher Stokes and director of music Stuart Beer
5.00 In Tune, presented by Natalie Wheen. Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Classical), Strauss (Die Frau ohne Schatten, Symphonic Fantasy); Mozart (String Quintet in G minor, K516); Philip Glass (Facades for two saxophones and strings)
7.30 Polskai BBC Symphony Orchestra under Matthias Bamert with Krysztof Smietana, violin, live from Studio 1. The orchestra performs Hanna Kulenty (Trigon), Szymanowski (Violin Concerto No 1), Lutoslawski (Symphony No 2) **8.15** Lutoslawski as Symphonist: Charles Bodman Rae traces the development of Lutoslawski's style (r)
9.10 Polskai Snapshots: Rebirth of the Salesman. On the streets of Warsaw, the spirit of entrepreneurism walks tall again
9.30 Monteverdi's Musicians: Taverner Consort and Players under Andrew Parrott perform the works of Giovanni Antonio Rigatti
10.25 Polskai Chopin Nocturnes, performed by Kathryn Scott, piano
10.45 Night Waves, with Valentine Cunningham
11.30 Ensemble: The Panocha Quartet plays Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 33 No 2, Joke); Dvořák (String Quartet in G, Op 106)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and birthday guest Verity Lambert
10.00-10.30 On Their Wavelength (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Jeremiah (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. An investigation into why it is eyes down from Buckingham Palace to Bognor Regis for a game of bingo. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from Swansea (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Up the Garden Path: Gooseberrys and Fools, by Sue Limb. Starring Imelda Staunton as Izzy **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Foreign Girls, by Elaine Feinstein. In the last of this three-part series about two Jewish women in England, Janos's funeral brings the two families together in a way they have never been before. With Jennie Stoller and Jenny Agutter
2.47 Treasure Islands: Christmas Presents. Sarah Dunant and Tony Bradman look at good books for Christmas with Michael Rosen
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 It's a Funny Old World: Miles Kington discovers what makes Jamaicans laugh
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Quentin Cooper picks the week's big screen releases, including *Amongst Friends*, and *The Hawk* starring Helen Mirren
4.45 Short Story: The Champ, by T. Coraghessan Boyle. Read by William Hootkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Word of Mouth: Runners and Riders Basically, Brian. Frank Delaney takes a look at sportspeak and how English was sold down the estuary (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth: Roger Harrabin and David Holden talk to the Dutch, ostensibly the greenest people in Europe (r)
7.45 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Age to Age (r)
8.45 New Society? The North/North Divide. Peter Hetherington reveals a less-publicised face of the NorthEast
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 Book at Bedtime: We Are Still Married, by Garrison Keillor
11.00 No Further Questions? A Deadly Pact. Nicholas Stewart, QC, looks at a trial in 1823 which made no distinction between suicide and murder. With David Thorpe, Theresa Streatfield, Melinda Walker (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

On Their Wavelength. *Radio 4, 10.00am (FM).*
Sarah Dickinson is far better at pretending to talk with the dead than Miles Kington was. His Radio 4 chats with departed celebrities told us more about him than about them. Dickinson keeps probing, as a good reporter should. Last week, it was Wordsworth. Today, it is Shakespeare, buttonholed just after the premiere of *Hamlet*. Is it autobiographical? Why does the Bard waste his time acting, when he ought to be writing? And so on — not *ad nauseam* but *ad rem*. David Calder, as Shakespeare, speaks the words that Jim Hiley very obligingly sets down for him.

Harding With a Mike. *Radio 2, 8.30pm.*
The international flavour of this travelogue series is caught in the opening seconds in which East meets West with a vengeance as a sitar plays "On Ilkla Moor baht 'at". Mike Harding, a folk-singing raconteur, is also an inveterate globetrotting sound recordist. He has been given eight programmes to prove the point. Tonight's is a jokey potpourri — everything from a Kilimanjaro bush band and American hillbilly fiddler to a goat chorus in Crete. **Peter Davalle**

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24 1993

Changes at Football Association should follow manager's departure

Taylor pays for England's failure

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Taylor's resignation as England manager yesterday morning came as inevitably as the thaw after snow. He failed his calling to take England to the World Cup finals and he has, like every football manager, to be judged on results. Neither overbearing sympathy nor great debate on why he and his assistant, Lawrie McMenemy, had to go is necessary or appropriate.

Taylor will survive. He said as much in his last meeting with journalists the morning after England's elimination from the World Cup a week ago, but even before we question who will be the caretaker-manager assigned to England's two friendly matches against Denmark and Germany in March and April, we must insist that the manager should not be held culpable in isolation.

The failure is one of technique, it is born of the pomposity that runs from the top of the English FA right through our club structure, that believes in our parochial club-before-country fashion that our status among the world's top football nations is realistic.

Clearly, the septagenarians at Lancaster Gate must look at their own inert rule. How crass it is that Sir Bert Millichip should reflect, after accepting Taylor's resignation, that the only responsibility he and the FA council hold in England's failure is that they appointed Graham Taylor. And how unpromising is Bert the Inert's promise that the FA is looking at a thorough restructure of the game — "but we have had this in our minds for many, many years".

In that respect, Graham Taylor was the victim of the structure. Yet, remember, he was very much a product of it, a man promoted on the basis of his successful, disciplined and highly-organised club management into an international arena beyond his experience, beyond his imagination and well beyond his calling.

He struggled with the beast for 38 matches, but as honest as this Lincolnshire man is, he will tell you himself that his teams lamentably fell short against the qualifying nations when the result counted.

Facts and figures, damned statistics, matter little. Taylor, like the FA director of coaching and education, Charles Hughes, lives by them, swears by them. They have helped mislead England into believing claptrap.

Their theories, their promotion of long-ball simplicity (despite the fact that Hughes denounces the term) led England up a cul-de-sac and when Hughes pre-empted Taylor's resignation by pointing the finger at the manager on Monday saying that indecision, in selection and method, compounded the lack of technique in players available, he was really condemning his own part in the process.

The qualities that will take Taylor back resiliently to club management, be it at Wolverhampton Wanderers or perhaps sorting out the rising indebtedness Graeme Souness is compiling at Liverpool, are English to the core.

When he told us a week ago that he can stand the vilification of failure, he looked as if he believed it: "I know what real life is about", he insisted. "I look in the mirror, I look at Graham Taylor. I see a fellow who could perhaps be bitter or a better person. I know which I feel myself to be."

> 'Taylor was promoted into an international arena beyond his experience, his imagination and well beyond his calling'

Does he? Seated a few feet away, we believed we saw beneath that mask, behind the mirror, a man plainly hurt, though not as severely so as his predecessor, Bobby Robson, who aged in the job.

Taylor has reddened around the eyes, has once or twice lost self-control in a crowd, but has fought mightily to retain some dignity, some semblance of self-belief even while accusing players at his command of running around like headless chickens.

We can all attempt to be better managers from the safety of the stands, where no responsibilities, no handicaps built into the English system, weigh down on us, but I believe that even before we all start choosing the next incumbent, it is imperative that men such as Peter Swales, the chairman of England's international committee and sacker supreme at Manchester City, is publicly obliged to stand down.

It was Swales, remember, who said 3½ years ago: "I'm glad England didn't win the World Cup in 1990, otherwise I'd have been saddled with Robson. He wasn't my type of manager, he couldn't take the pressure."

Taylor lost his way after his own declarations that international football was no different, certainly no better, than the English variety. He oscillated between comments about "having to start playing more like an English than a continental team" and his own observation that "we have to adapt, we haven't won anything for 26 years playing 4-4-2". So, let him go without sorrow, a manager by no means broken and ultimately a decent and perhaps overearnest man who we will be glad to see back in his club milieu.

Who takes over? The caretaker will probably be an unemployed, and therefore available, manager. Alas, the obvious man, one with the wiles and the experience of foreign football, Terry Venables, may be beyond the FA pale, in the light of recent events.

The long-term future depends on whether the FA really has the courage this time to restructure the coaching philosophy and the authority to cut down the Premiership.

Howard Wilkinson, at Leeds, where the chairman honestly admits England is no concern of his, would surely be too similar in nature, too much a man of English club football, for us to know that he could adapt, as Taylor didn't, in the complicated foreign waters.

After that, the two-tier idea of, say, Don Howe guiding Ray Wilkins, or any of the handful of players who have performed overseas, is attractive, but ultimately a gamble. Everything is, such is the real failure of the overlords of Lancaster Gate to provide continuity and stability in the succession of England management.

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DAVID DAVIES



Taylor and McMenemy leave the dugout at the end of England's defeat in Norway during England's doomed World Cup campaign

Consoling words for crestfallen manager



Millichip: regret

BY KEITH PIKE

GRAHAM Taylor would not have been dismissed if he had wanted to see out the remaining eight months of his contract as the England manager. Both Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, and Graham Kelly, the chief executive, said yesterday that they had accepted his resignation "with regret".

Taylor had left Lancaster Gate before his decision had been made public, but said it was "always my intention" to resign if England failed to qualify for the World Cup finals. In a brief statement, he described it as "the appropriate course of action in the circumstances". Nobody, he said, "can grasp the depths of my personal disappointment at not qualifying".

Kelly said that Taylor had approached him last Thursday, the day after England's elimination had been confirmed, and asked him to arrange yesterday's meeting.

"I was hoping against hope that the inevitable could be avoided and his resignation was accepted with regret," Kelly said. "We had a general discussion about the situation and he felt that was the proper reaction." Taylor had, he said, "handled himself in these very difficult circumstances with dignity".

"He has brought people to realise that we have got to do more for our team. If that message has finally got home during his 3½ years, because of what he has done and said, he will have left a lasting legacy for English football."

Sir Bert said it was "a very sad day for me" and that Taylor had acted "promptly and honourably". Both he and Kelly thought the time was now right for an overhaul of the England management structure.

"People within the FA may think there is no better time to look at it," Sir Bert said. It was almost certain that a caretaker manager would be appointed for England's next two matches, against Denmark at Wembley on March 9 and against Germany in Hamburg on April 20. A decision on a full-time successor would be made "not today, not tomorrow ... we must make the right decision."

Kelly said that the time was ripe for "evolution rather than revolution. Revolution does not sit easily with the English game, but evolution is certainly needed". A structure had to be put in place "that ensures continuity on and off the field". Asked if that meant adoping the two-tier system favoured in Germany, he said: "Possibly changes will be made."

England's assistant manager, Lawrie McMenemy, who also resigned, said: "Graham kept me informed for the last week what he intended to do. Once he announced his resignation, the honourable thing to do was to announce mine as well."

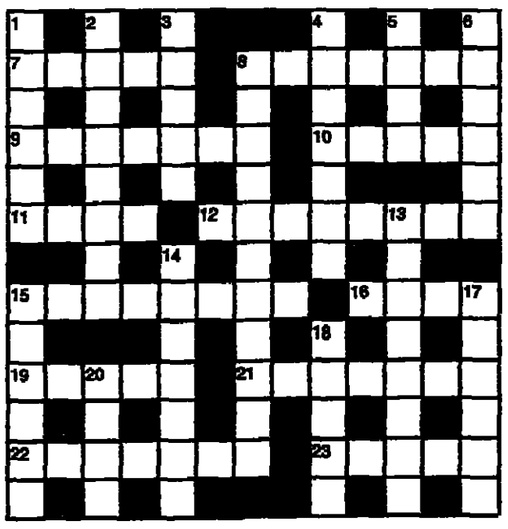
William Hill, the bookmaker, has made Steve Coppell and Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, 7-2 joint favourites to become the next permanent England manager. "I'm amazed to have been made favourite," Coppell, who is out of work, said. "I don't want it."

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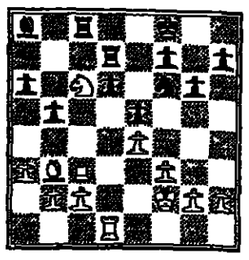
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 16. This position is the key to an oversight made by Kasparov which eventually led to his only defeat in the match. What had he missed? White to play.



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WORD-WATCHING

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ERUCTATION
a. Making excuses
b. Belching
c. Fallow cultivation

DEVANAGARI
a. An alphabet
b. A Hindu caste
c. A bitter spice

FARRAGINOUS
a. Miscellaneous
b. Argumentative
c. Made from wheat

GAW
a. The hoodie crow
b. An open drain
c. An ersatz jewel

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